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## News Briefs

### Juvenile Arrested for B & E In South Branch Township

A 16-year-old Newberry boy was caught breaking into a house in South Branch Twp. by the owner at 1:10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8. The homeowner along Jonasson Drive heard the juvenile breaking in and apprehended the youth. Sheriff deputies were called to the scene and after interviewing the youth they were able to solve another B & E committed last week. The name of the youth could not be released because of his age.

### Community Group Seeks Downtown Development Authority

The Community Self Improvement Project group (CSIP) has requested that the city of Grayling take the necessary steps to form a Downtown Development Authority.

A grant from the Weyerhaeuser Foundation is at stake, the group says. Even though the grant has been approved by the foundation the check cannot be issued to CSIP. The non-profit organization does not have, nor can it qualify for the proper IRS status to be able to receive the money. However, a DDA has the proper status and the check could be released.

The businesses downtown have been polled in a recent survey sent out by CSIP. With 40% returned nearly 90% favor the forming of a DDA.

To form a Downtown Development Authority the city Council must first pass an "ordinance of intent." The ordinance must state the boundaries of the DDA district and also set a date and place for a public hearing, the group says.

The hearing, which must take place at least 20 days but not more than 40 days after the first ordinance, allows those persons effected by the formation of a DDA to voice their opinions and have their questions answered.

If the response at the hearing is still favorable, the city then passes a second ordinance establishing the authority. The chief executive officer of the city appoints at least eight but not more than twelve persons to form the board of directors.

### Milltown Festival Committee Starts Plans for Next Year's Events

Planning for the July 1988 Budweiser AuSable River Canoe Marathon/Milltown Festival will begin at a meeting to be held on Friday, September 18 at 9:30 a.m. at the Commission on Aging Offices, 308 Lawndale. Next year's event will have some major changes since the canoe marathon race from Grayling to Oscoda will begin on Friday evening instead of Saturday, as it has the past few years. The planning committee is open to anyone in the community who would like to work on any part of the activities or has new ideas that could be part of the 1988 Festival. If you would like to help, attend the meeting on September 19, or send your ideas to the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, Attn: Milltown Festival Committee, P.O. Box 406, Grayling, Mich. 49738.

### Bells To Ring Across America for Constitution

It was finished. After a long hot summer behind locked doors the founding fathers completed work on the document that would chart the future course of their new republic: the Constitution of the United States.

In towns and villages across the country, town criers' bells announced the news that a new democratic system of government — of the people, by the people and for the people — would be the law of the land.

This year as we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Constitution, the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution is calling on all Americans to join in a "ringing tribute to the Constitution."

On Thursday, September 17th at 4 p.m., EDT, the time of the actual signing of the Constitution 200 years ago, the Commission is asking everyone with bells, chimes and carillons to sound them for 200 seconds.

The Former Chief Justice of the United States and Chairman of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States, Warren E. Burger will begin the "ringing tribute" at precisely 4 p.m. in Philadelphia.

### Red Cross Blood Bank Set For September 9th

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Bank at the American Legion Hall noon to 6 p.m., Wednesday, September 9th.

Remember, Dial-A-Ride will come and get you and take you back home if you come to the Legion September 9th to give a pint. Just dial 348-5409. And the ride is without charge.

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## County Seeks 1 Mill For Ambulance Service

By Jon Thompson

One of the two millage requests in a special election Monday, Sept. 14, will ask Crawford County voters for one mill for five years to fund ambulance service in the county.

The millage will fund the operation of the Crawford County Ambulance Corps and provide ambulance service without fees for all Crawford County residents or taxpayers.

Because Frederic and Maple Forest townships already have their own ambulance services funded by taxes, a special arrangement has been made with the two townships to keep their ambulance service. If the millage passes, the county will give about \$30,000 a year of the millage to Maple Forest and Frederic and the townships' ambulance service will remain in operation.

One mill will generate about \$190,000 a year for the ambulance corps. After the \$30,000 is given to Maple Forest and Frederic,

eric, the county ambulance corps will have about \$160,000 to operate.

Crawford County Ambulance Corps Director Tony Doremire said most of the millage will be used to hire six full-time ambulance personnel to insure the county has 24-hour emergency coverage.

The six full-time persons will be divided into three teams each working 24-hour shifts with 48 hours off. Volunteers would still be used for back-up and transfers.

Wages at \$14,000 a year each and benefits for six personnel would cost about \$112,000 a year. The remaining \$48,000 will be needed for operation expenses, said Doremire. Last year, the county ambulance corps operation budget was about \$46,000.

The county ambulance corps was started in 1975 and was staffed by six volunteers. The first year the corps answered 130 calls.

This year the corps will probably set a record with as many as 550 calls.

With their steady increase in calls over

the years, the corps have had a difficult time finding and training enough volunteers.

This spring it became so tough to find volunteers during the work week, the county had to hire two full-time persons. The cost of the full-time persons will be about \$14,000 a year in wages plus benefits amounting to about \$36,000 a year for the two.

Doremire says the millage will insure emergency ambulance service will always be there for Crawford County residents and taxpayers at no charge. Non-residents who aren't taxpayers will still have to pay fees which will be used for equipment and vehicle replacement or training costs.

Doremire says the county millage gives residents some control over the cost of ambulance service.

If the millage doesn't pass, he thinks ambulance service costs will increase with either the county or the private service.

Doremire feels the county corps millage

will be cheaper than having a private service. He says the difference between the county service can be as much as \$200 lower than the private service on a transfer run right now. He also says the county base fee is \$125 plus \$2 a mile while the private service costs about \$200 for a run.

"If the county doesn't offer an ambulance service, there will be little controls on what a private service can charge," he says.

Doremire says the full-time personnel funded by the millage will help the county corps upgrade the service for advance care.

The cost of one mill a year equals one dollar for every thousand of State Equalized Value on your property. If your house has a S.E.V. of \$15,000, the mill will cost you \$15 a year. If your S.E.V. is \$30,000 the cost will be \$30 a year. (S.E.V. is supposed to be no more than 50 percent of the cash value of your home or property.)

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the six township offices and city hall.

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## Private Service Says They Will Cost Less Money

Northern Michigan Emergency Medical Service (N.M.E.M.S.) is fully prepared to handle all the ambulance calls in Crawford County, says owner Dan Heard.

N.M.E.M.S. is currently handling many of the ambulance calls transferring patients and also some emergencies when called.

Besides the ambulance service in Crawford County, N.M.E.M.S. provides full-time emergency service for Roscommon, Denton, and Lake Townships in Roscommon County, covering a population of about 9,000.

If Crawford County gets out of the ambulance business, N.M.E.M.S. will be able to handle ambulance service for the county, Heard says.

"Our service is not considerably higher than the county," says Heard, "and that's without the tax subsidy the county ambulance corps receives."

Concerning the millage request, Heard said he had two bones of contention — the amount of money and the county's service record.

He said the private business can do the job cheaper than a government ambulance corps.

"The amount the county is asking for is out of line," said Heard. "It can be done cheaper. Private industry, through use of contracts, is more cost effective and more accountable to the public."

N.M.E.M.S. has a contract with Roscommon County to provide service to the three townships in Roscommon County.

Heard also said the county track record of service has not always been in the best interest of the patient.

"There have been times the county would not call us for assistance even though we were the closest ambulance. They would call some other ambulance farther away. That's not in the best interest of the patient to do that."

Heard says N.M.E.M.S. will be upgrading its service here soon to offer limited advanced life support care.

"The county corps have done an excellent job over the years — they filled a void when no other service was available," he said. "However, as people become aware there is more service available, they come to expect a full-time, life support service. With the amount of training needed for this type of service, it's nearly impossible to offer it with volunteers."

"Because this is their career, most of our personnel already have the level of training needed to offer limited advanced life support care."

N.M.E.M.S. was established in Crawford County in July of 1985. They were requested to come to the county to provide transfer service. They expanded to provide emergency service when called. The ambulance serving Crawford County is based at a building in the Grayling Industrial park.

## Commission on Aging Asks for 1/4 Mill For New Building

One half of the ballot for the special election Monday, Sept. 14, will ask county voters for a quarter mill for six years to build a new senior citizen center off Old 27 north of the cemetery.

Sherry Haag, director of the Crawford County Commission On Aging, says the commission has outgrown its current rented site at the Grayling Housing Commission. The COA also is not eligible for many grants unless it owns a building or has a long-term lease, Haag says.

The new 7,000-square-foot building will have a large multi-purpose room, kitchen, activity rooms, lounge, storage area, rest rooms, and four offices. Plans for the new center call for a covered entrance and barrier-free construction.

The complete cost for the building with paving and landscaping is about \$250,000, Haag said. The quarter mill will raise about \$50,000 a year.

Haag feels confident the building debt can be paid off in less than the six years

asked for. The COA has about \$40,000 in a building fund and several grants are available for kitchen equipment and other items. If the building is paid off early, the tax won't be levied against property owners for the remaining time left in the six years. But the COA had to ask for six years to insure enough money would be on hand for the building. Any money received through grants could lower the amount needed to be levied.

The COA prepared the following answers to some common questions asked about the millage. If either millage passes Monday, the millage would appear on tax bills sent in December.

Q- Why is a new building needed?

A- Space in the present location is limited for senior activities and parking, and the type of activities are limited by the Commission on Aging/Grayling Housing Commission lease guidelines. The kitchen area and equipment are outdated and worn-out, and the office

space is limited. Grants for needed new equipment aren't available because of the short term lease COA can receive from the Grayling Housing Commission.

Q- Why doesn't the Commission on Aging remodel the kitchen?

A- The majority of kitchen equipment was purchased with Grayling Housing Commission funds, and Grayling Housing Commission has no funds available for replacements.

Commission on Aging has limited funds, and cannot receive grants due to the lack of long term lease or ownership of a building.

Q- What is the difference between the Grayling Housing Commission and the Crawford County Commission on Aging?

A- The Grayling Housing Commission owns and operates the low income senior/multi-family apartments and the building where the Commission on Aging offices and activities

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Pro

## Make Sure There's Always Service Available

(The following was written by supporters of the millage request for the county ambulance corps.)

Since its inception in January of 1975, Crawford County Ambulance Corps has been serving the community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with a handful of volunteer members. There have been some changes in personnel over the years, but they are all well-trained, dedicated people spending much time and often their own money on training, equipment, maintenance, and even uniforms, in order to better serve the people.

In 1986, the ambulance responded to approximately 465 calls. This year, as of the end of August, they have already answered 400 calls for service. As you can see, the needs of the community are constantly increasing and as more people move into the area, the demand for service and more advanced care becomes greater.

As of April 15, 1987, the County, in an attempt to alleviate the problems of increased demands on volunteers, hired two full time EMT's to cover Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The two full-time employees, and the rest of the volunteers cover the evenings and weekends.

Volunteers are paid a small amount for actual ambulance runs, but nothing for the many hours of community service performed. The ambulance stands by for all home football games, little league play-offs and many sports events. Three full crews put in a total of 162 volunteer hours for the Milltown Festival, working from 8:00 Saturday morning until the canoe racers left the county at 2:00 Sunday morning. Many more hours were put into the county fair. Volunteers are called on to stand-by for house fires, which can last for many hours, or on occasion for police emergencies that are not only lengthy, but can be dangerous. Often when you are snug and warm in your bed listening to a storm raging outside, the ambulance crews are called to the station in order to insure that a power outage or severe wind or snowstorm does not prevent the ambulance from answering calls. Like you, these people work regular full-time jobs and still must find time to get the

proper education and to keep up with training which is constantly changing.

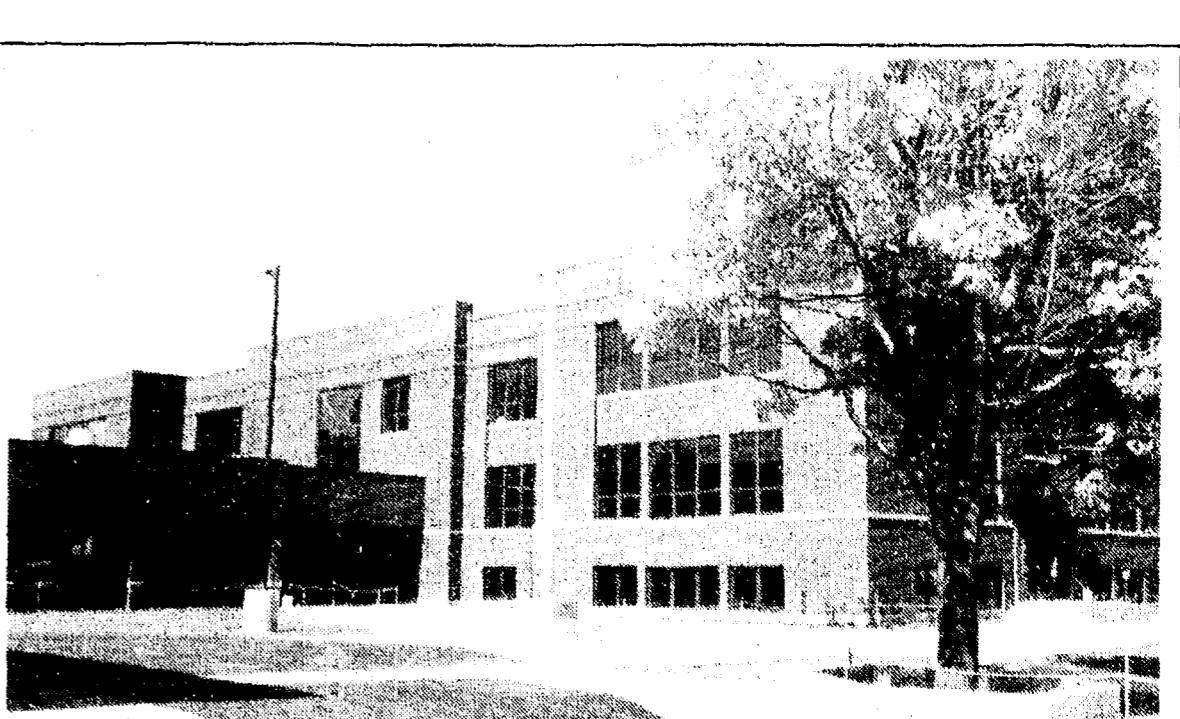
There are hundreds of classroom hours put in by these volunteers, plus clinical training at the hospital. Many more hours are put into practicing with equipment and going on one and two day seminars as far away as Lansing and Marquette. For these dedicated people, learning never ends and all of this is done to give better care to patients.

Now the time has come when we need enough full-time EMT's to provide coverage 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The volunteer Corp. would still exist to provide coverage for second runs, transfers and community events.

Most people are unaware of the things an ambulance crew actually does or in the variety of situations they can become involved. Imagine if you will, trying to remove an accident victim from a vehicle at three o'clock in the morning in the dark and in a snowstorm. Your victim is pinned in a mass of twisted metal and broken glass. You're trying to assess his injuries and treat them as your hands turn blue from the cold and the fire department attempts to remove the vehicle from around the patient. Sometimes this takes an hour or longer, while you work to keep the patient alive and prevent further injuries. This is not an obscure incident, but rather a common occurrence. Emergency medicine has come a long way from the days of throwing the patient in the back of a hearse or police car and heading for the hospital.

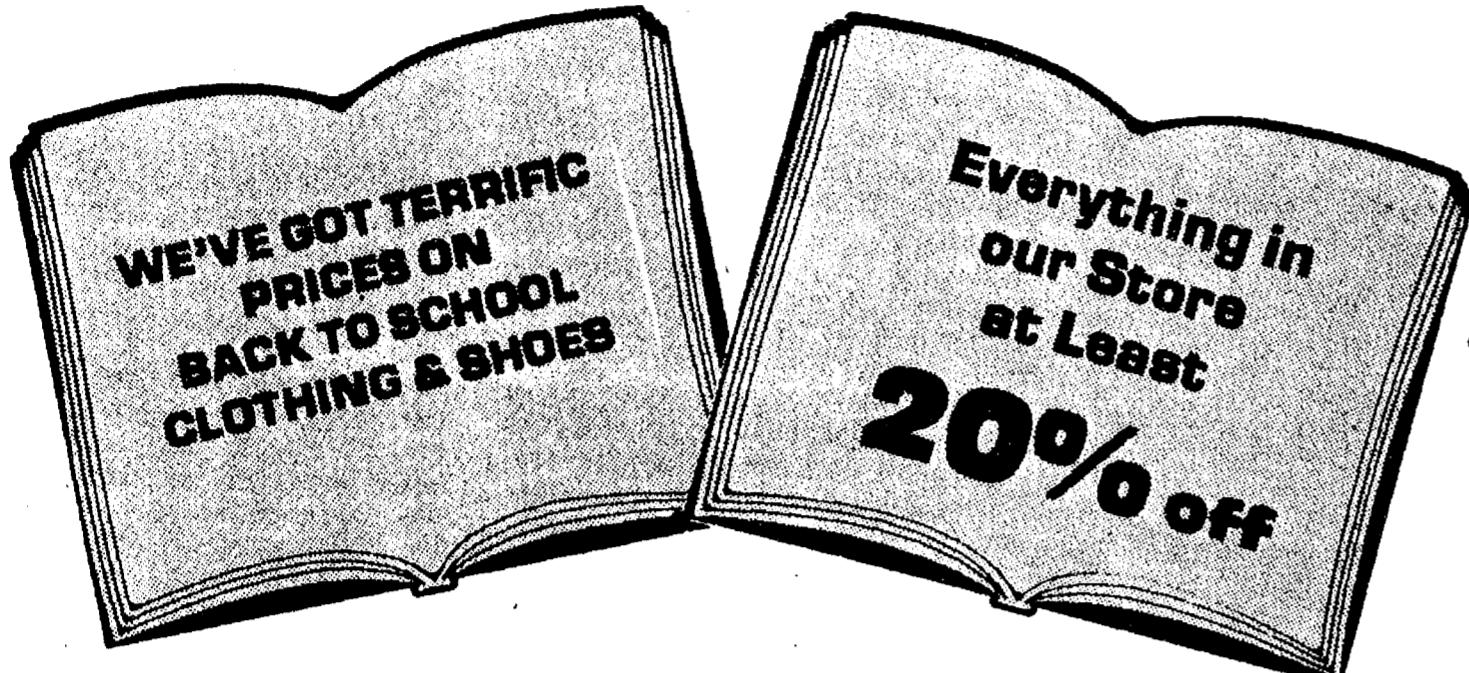
The cost of equipment, maintenance, repair and replacement is considerable. It's nothing to spend hundreds of dollars for one piece of equipment. For instance, a stretcher at this time costs a thousand dollars. Vehicle repair and replacement also amounts to a great deal. As the services are upgraded from Basic EMT to EMT Specialist or even Advanced, the cost of training and equipment also increases.

Like most services, people don't usually think about the ambulance until they need it themselves. Now, before you have a need for the service, is the time to support your county ambulance to make sure it will always be there for you.



SCHOOL OPENS — The renovated Grayling Middle School and new addition was ready for students on Opening Day Wednesday.

# BACK TO SCHOOL SPECIALS

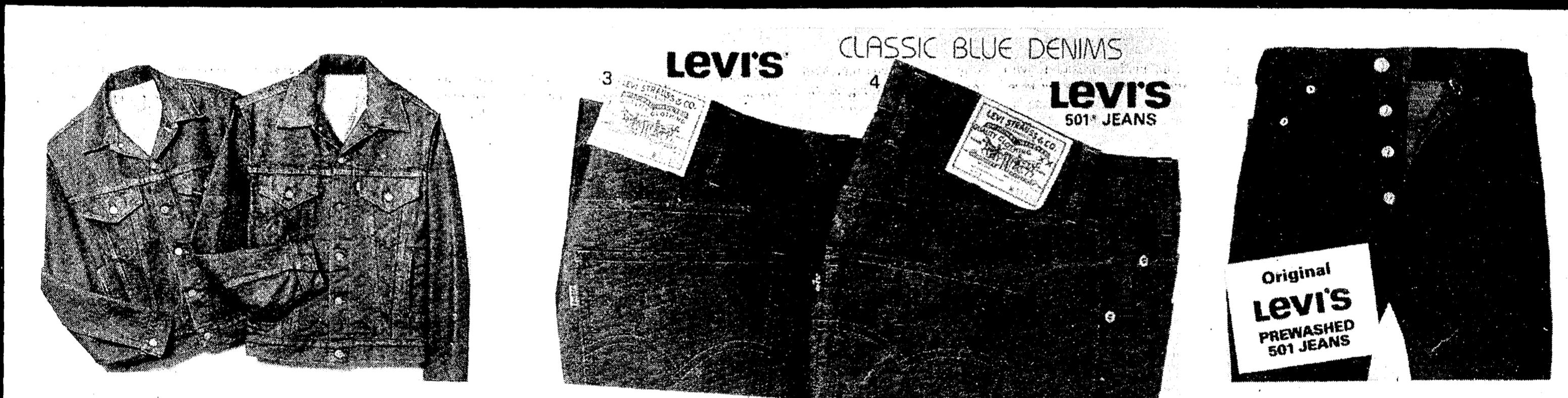


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**UNITED WAY TO START** — The Crawford County United Way Campaign '87 kicks off on October 1 with a goal of raising \$41,750 this year. United Way Campaign Chairperson is Bruce Gillis, pictured with co-chairperson Donna O'Grady. Agencies funded through United Way include the Red Cross, River House Shelter, Mercy Child Care Center, 4-H, Sibs For Kids, Girl Scouts, Crawford AuSable Day Care, Community Family and Children Services, Hospice of Crawford County, Kenquest House and AuSable Valley Youth Services. The grand finale event of this year's campaign will be the United Way Auction on Saturday, November 7.

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3	70	28	
4	75	47	
5	84	55	
6	84	55	
7	75	48	

### Ruddy Elected President Of Historical Society

At a meeting held on Tuesday evening at the Depot, the Crawford County Historical Museum, Bob Ruddy was again elected president, with Mary Jane Knibbs as vice-president and Marie Akers as secretary-treasurer. LeRoy Akers, Helen Feldhauser, and Joyce Vogelberg are board members while Fay Bovee will handle the publicity.

The museum, which was relocated to the depot last year, was open for the full summer season but is now closed except for special groups. A Lovells group will be coming in September 9 and an Alpena group on September 12 so the museum will be open all day both of

those days. It will also be open for two days during the beginning of hunting season, November 14 and 15 and the day of the Christmas Walk. Any groups wishing to visit the museum can make arrangements through Bob Ruddy, 348-7333.

Although the museum has had a fairly successful summer, it is still in need of money to keep it heated during the winter so as not to damage exhibits. We would welcome any amount of donations that you would care to contribute so as to help defray expenses for the winter. Come on Crawford county, help support it - so many people have enjoyed seeing memories of the area and asked questions about it.

Plan to visit it next summer, if not before, you may be surprised. Help support it so that we do not lose our heritage. Send your donations to Marie Akers, 805 Plum Street, Grayling, or pass it on to any of the officers or board members. It will be put to good use.

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### COA Millage

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are located. Commission on Aging leases space from Grayling Housing Commission to provide services and activities for ALL county residents 60 years of age and older.

Q- How much will the new building cost me as a taxpayer?

The expense for the average property owner would be about a penny a day (one cent) to have a permanent location for a Senior Citizen Multi-Purpose Center. For instance, if your home is evaluated at \$15,000 - it would increase your taxes \$3.75 for the year... \$30,000 \$7.50 and a \$40,000 home \$10.00 per year.

Q- Didn't Commission on Aging have a 1/2 mill tax at one time?

A- Yes! In 1984, the Commission on Aging reduced the 1/2 mill that had been approved by the voters to a 1/4 mill. This reduction was made possible due to COA cut in expenses at that time.

Q- What is the new 1/4 mill going to be used for?

A- The 1/4 mill will be used to construct, equip, furnish and operate a Senior Citizen Multi-Purpose Community Bldg.

Q- If the Commission on Aging moves to a new site, aren't the Grayling Housing Commission tenants being abandoned?

A- No! All tenants will continue receiving all the same

services provided by COA, including homemaking, personal care, meals on wheels, chore service, financial assistance, health programs, information and referral, congregate dining, and all other services we provide.

Q- What percentage of Grayling Housing Commission senior tenants participate in Commission on Aging programs and activities?

A- Tenant participation varies according to the activity or program, from a low of 0% to a high of 42%, with an overall average of 26%. The high tenant participation is for services provided by COA in the senior tenant apartments, and these services will continue, regardless of the location of the Commission on Aging office. Some of the activities held at the present COA location have no tenant participation.

Q- Will Grayling Housing Commission senior tenants continue to receive Commission on Aging Services?

A- Yes! All services provided by the Commission on Aging are available to the Grayling Housing senior tenants, as well as all other residents of Crawford County who are 60 years of age or older. This includes services in the home, meals, health programs and recreational activities.

Q- How will the Senior Citizens Community Building be constructed?

A- The County Building Authority will act as the agent to construct, issue bonds and guarantee collateral (the 1/4 mill) on the building. When the building is completed and paid for, the Building Authority will deed the Senior Citizens Community Building to Crawford County.

Q- Can the building be used for other purposes?

A- No! The building can only be used as a Senior Citizen Community Building as stated in the millage proposal.

Q- Why is leasing from the county any different than renting from the Grayling Housing Commission?

A- The GHC will only rent on a year to year lease. The county will allow a long term lease (10 years) and allow changes in the building and different types of activities. The GHC limits times and types of activities that can be held at the present center. The county will allow COA full and complete use of the new building.

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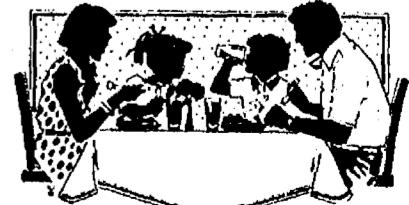
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### News Briefs

#### Lions Club To Sponsor 1st Gun Show in Grayling

The Grayling Lions Club will host the first gun show ever held in Grayling on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12-13. Tables will be available for exhibitors to display guns and related items for sale or trade. Free appraisals will also be offered. The gun show will be held at the K of C Hall in Grayling. For more information call Joe Murphy, 348-8308, or Jim Crawford, 348-4184.

#### GPA Invites Women To Open Meeting

An open meeting of the Grayling Promotional Association will be held Tuesday, September 15 at Patti's Place. Women interested in joining this community service organization are encouraged to stop by for lunch and get acquainted with the members.

Speaking on Sept. 15 will be Patricia Hanson, Community Services Coordinator at Mercy Hospital, Grayling. Hanson is developing a Women's Health Service program for Mercy Hospital. She will be asking the GPA membership for their input on women's wellness issues and educational needs.

This fall GPA members are decorating 15 various sites around Grayling. Members are working with the Grayling Chamber of Commerce on a Moonlight Madness promotion, and with the Grayling State Bank on Thank You, Grayling Day.

For more information about GPA membership, come to the open meeting Tuesday, Sept. 15.

#### Annual AuSable Riverboat Regatta To Start at Stephan Bridge

The Annual AuSable Riverboat Regatta will be Sunday, September 13th, at 12:00 noon starting at the Stephan Bridge Rd. access. Register with Dave Wyss, Jim's Canoe. There is a \$6.00 fee and please bring a dish to pass. Rain or shine, the float will go on.

#### — NOTICE — Residents of Beaver Creek Township

Due to the Special Election on Monday, September 14, 1987 Beaver Creek Township regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 1987 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Florence Nelson, Clerk

#### Lovells Township Residents Notice of Public Hearing

A Public Hearing will be held at the Lovells Township Hall on September 15, 1987 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of determining the special assessment for fiscal year 1988-89 for operation of the Fire Department. PA 33 of 1951

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# Opinions

## Northern Views

By Jon Thompson



Many of us wouldn't trade our lives in northern Michigan for any urban place, but how much do we really know about the north woods?

Here's a short quiz to see how much you know about the animals, insects, lakes, and woods around you.

1. Hummingbirds can fly up to a) 3 mph b)

2. If you see a fawn alone in Crawford County during the summer, it usually means a poacher shot the mother, true or false?

3. The ground in northern Michigan is slowly sinking because of all the oil and gas being pumped out of the ground, true or false?

4. The ground hog or woodchuck is a member of the bear family, true or false?

5. Giant water bugs, which can be found in Hartwick Pines, have been known to kill fish four times their own size by using their forelegs to hold the fish and using their beaks to pierce the fish and suck the juices out, true or false?

6. Wild game may not be sold or bought in Michigan, true or false?

7. What were the Indian and early settlers' names for the 13 moons?

8. Fiddle heads are aspen or poplar trees deformed by heavy snows, true or false?

9. Houghton Lake is considered an oligotrophic lake and Higgins Lake is considered an eutrophic lake, true or false?

10. How many toes does a robin have?

11. Current Great Lakes water levels are the highest in the past few thousand years, true or false?

12. The owl is an Indian symbol of life, true or false?

### Answers

1. c) 55 miles per hour and their wings beat in a figure 8 motion.

2. False, 99 percent of the time, the mother is nearby, out of sight. Leave the fawn alone.

3. False, the ground is slowly rising, rebounding from the weight of mile-high glaciars years ago.

4. False, it is a member of the squirrel family.

5. True (did you think I would make up something like that?)

6. True.

7. January = Wolf Moon

February = Hunger Moon

March = Sap Moon

April = Grass Moon

May = Flower Moon

June = Strawberry Moon  
 July = Thunder or Buck Moon  
 August = Green Corn Moon  
 September = Harvest Moon  
 October = Hunter's Moon  
 November = Beaver Moon  
 December = Cold Moon  
 13th moon = Blue Moon

8. False, fiddle heads are ferns that pop up in the springtime with curled heads that unfold.

9. False, Higgins Lake is oligotrophic — cold, deep, biologically unproductive — and Houghton Lake is eutrophic — shallow, warm, abundant vegetation, less oxygen, and more nutrients.

10. Eight, four on each foot. Three face forward and one faces back.

11. False, evidence on Mackinac Island shows 28 different water levels for Lake Huron in the last few thousand years including a high level of 100 feet above the current level.

12. False, the Indians used the owl as a symbol of death because it struck swiftly at night on silent wings and seldom missed its prey.

### How did you do?

If you missed all 12 consider yourself a "Fudgie" tourist just visiting the area.

If you missed 10-11, consider yourself a flatlander who hasn't settled in yet.

If you missed 5-9, consider yourself a part-time resident.

If you missed 1-4 consider yourself a long-time resident or a native.

If you didn't miss any, consider yourself an excellent reader of the Avalanche. Every one of these questions came from information contained in two excellent Avalanche columns — "Doodles From The Tall Timber" and "Resource Review." Wendell Hoover, park interpreter at Hartwick Pines, and Bruce Patrick, DNR Conservation Officer, write these interesting columns for the Avalanche.

I always enjoy the information these two men put in their columns. I feel they do a top-rate job and to help make it easier for our readers to find the columns each week, we're going to try placing them next to each other on our new Features page on the inside back page each week.

And for crossword puzzle fans and horoscope readers, the Avalanche will be including each for you on the new Features page.

If you have any other suggestions for improvements in the paper, please call 348-6811.

Representative Bill Schuette  
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 Washington, D.C. 20525

Dear Rep. Schuette,  
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are buying up residential property and therefore lowering our already skeletal tax base is cause for concern, governmental study, and research.

It is the goal of the business community to work with the guard — its men and its officers — to make their annual encampment something to look forward to — and to make Grayling a place where they want to return with their families for vacations and/or as permanent residents.

Finally, some of the residents who complain forget that Camp Grayling is a very large employer. The economic benefits from these employees cannot be ignored. Many of our residents are full time guards.

Certainly there are problems, but we are working on them, and so is the guard. Each guardsman is a citizen of our country — and has as much right to be here as any

other citizen. As in most cases, you are hearing a great deal from a very vocal minority. Please keep in mind that there are many who feel that Grayling and the National Guard can be good neighbors.

We would appreciate hearing from you on this matter. Sincerely,  
 Grayling Promotional Association

## Letters to the Editor

### Don't Ignore Economic Benefits of Guard; We Can Work With Guard on Problems

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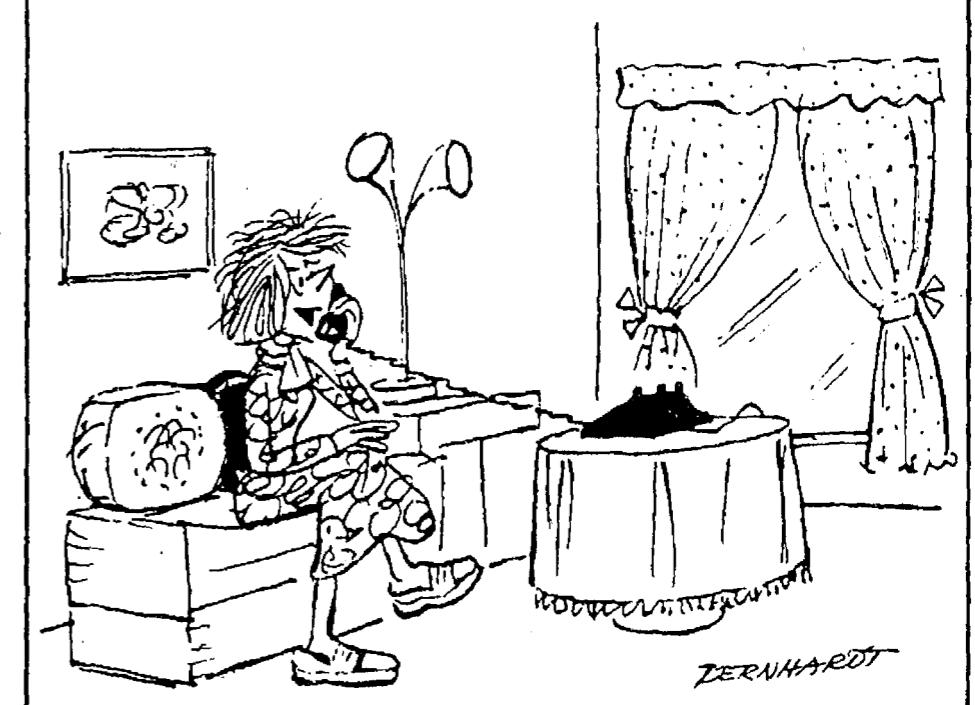
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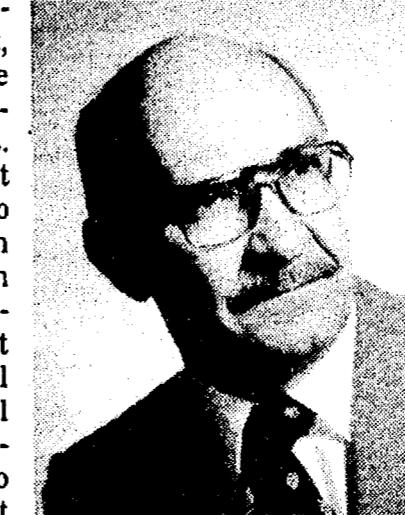


"Only his foolish pride caused our breakup. He wanted someone he could be proud to be seen with."

## Almanack

### Presidential Field Shrinks a Bit

by Richard Milliman



POTENTIAL candidates are dropping like flies.

At least, it seemed that way recently when a couple of rather well-known potential presidents decided they wouldn't go for the brass ring after all.

Former Sen. Paul Laxalt of Nevada, who had been President Reagan's campaign chairman three different times, announced he was withdrawing from Republican candidacy.

The Democrats lost Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia, who formally announced that he should not be considered for the nomination.

THESE TWO withdrawals are only the latest of several which already have hit the deck, including, of course, one from perhaps the most frequent withdrawing of all, Sen. Ted Kennedy.

One of the first was New York Gov. Mario Cuomo who announced several months ago that pressures of his present job, plus personal family considerations, made it impossible for him to become a presidential candidate.

Many Democratic liberals groaned. Gov. Cuomo had struck a responsive chord with many of the party faithful, and he was considered probably the front-runner among the Democrats.

Then there was former Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado. Again, widely considered as the front-runner among the Democrats, Mr. Hart found it expedient to withdraw from the race, although his stated reasons were quite dissimilar to Gov. Cuomo's reasoning.

Other potentials, too, have announced they won't run, but none had achieved the potential status of Gov. Cuomo, Mr. Hart, Mr. Laxalt or Sen. Nunn.

There is a game in politics which involves announcing that you won't be a candidate, when nobody thought you were running in the first place, and when you yourself had no real intention of entering the race.

A headline or two can still be created, and an item for a campaign brochure, by announcing solemnly that you aren't going to be a candidate for president after all. Some of these other early season dropouts may well have been only playing that game.

But Sen. Laxalt and Sen. Nunn were genuine possibilities.

SEN. LAXALT said money is the reason he isn't running... or rather, lack of money. Back in April, Mr. Laxalt had said that his decision to run was "as close to final as one can get," with money the only unanswered question. Since then, he has raised over \$1

million, but that's not enough. His announced goal was \$2 million by October.

"While the political response was encouraging, the financial outlook was not bright," Mr. Laxalt explained. "We are a family of very modest economic means, and I wasn't about to embark on a campaign that would have led us into a financial black hole..."

"A careful and realistic assessment of our financial situation caused me to do what I think is right for the Laxalt family."

"And what is right for the Laxalt family is to not run for president. An idle thought occurs: Now what happens to the \$1 million raised so far?"

SEN. NUNN DID not mention money in his withdrawal. Instead, he said — in effect — that he didn't have time to be a candidate. His present job and his family responsibilities come first, Sen. Nunn told his supporters.

"I know myself pretty well, and I have concluded that if I attempted to run for president, and also carry out my Senate duties, I would wind up doing neither well," Sen. Nunn said.

"With a son in high school and a daughter in college, I am also concerned about the impact of a presidential campaign on my family."

Sen. Nunn will remain as chairman of the Senate Armed Services committee, which is a power post held by prominent Georgians before him. The number of military bases in Georgia attests to the importance of that job to the folks back home.

THERE STILL are lots of candidates available in both parties for the presidential race. Several more will be dropping by the wayside as time goes on, probably citing money woes and family commitments among other reasons.

But these two — Sam Nunn and Paul Laxalt — would have been good contenders.

If the other candidates would take to heart Sen. Nunn's admonition — namely, that if you run for president and serve in the congress at the same time, you will "wind up doing neither well" — then we would either have a much smaller field of presidential candidates, or a number of resignations from present public jobs.

Maybe both parties should take a hard look outside the present field to find their 1988 presidential candidates.

My personal favorite lineup would be Jimmy Carter for the Democrats running against Gerald Ford for the Republicans. I understand they're both available.

## Ponderings

### That Was Not Publicized

By Don Geiss

The facts that the speaker claims were not in the story or announcement may well have been there but overlooked because of the temper of the moment.

In any story or announcement, look for the major features of who, what, when, where and why. If one of them is missing, the claim of omission is valid. If they are all there, then perhaps we have achieved a goal in this column because the reader did check it thoroughly before making a claim.

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## A Look At Our Past

### 23 Years Ago

September 10, 1964  
Mr. and Mrs. Phil Miller enjoyed a tour of the U.P. Monday through Thursday last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kraus and sons Bill, Richard and Jim left Friday for Bedord, Mass., to enter Bill at Marist Preparatory School. They planned to continue on for a tour of the New England coastal area before returning home this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lamm have returned to their teaching positions in Clarkston after spending their vacation at the Lamm cottage on the East Branch. The Lamms and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lamm, enjoyed a trip to Lake City one day recently, taking the train ride which is a tourist attraction there. They stopped on the way back to call on the Jim Kleins

at Moorestown.

Linda Harness and Carol Hyde of Birmingham, who were exchange students in Spain with Cheryl Smock, were her weekend guests. They took a trip down the AuSable Saturday and camped out overnight.

Lauri Olson and Pam Gibson recently returned from ten days spent in New York City seeing the World's Fair, sightseeing, attending the

aters and saying "Bon Voyage" to Cathy Hills, who sailed with her mother for three months in Europe.

46 Years Ago  
September 11, 1941

The Crawford Avalanche got a nice writeup in the Business Printer, published by the Porte Publishing Co. of Salt Lake City, Utah, in the current issue. This publication reaches about 80 percent of the printing plants of all English speaking countries, in-

cluding Australia. We feel particularly flattered.

Lillian Myers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Myers of near Roscommon, became the bride of Mr. Homer King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris King, Saturday evening Aug. 30. The ceremony was performed at the Michelson Memorial Church parsonage at 8 o'clock, Rev. H.W. Khulman officiating. Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the groom's parents for relatives and friends of the couple.

Edwin Funk and Lawrence Cady enjoyed a trip to Tahquamenon Falls, Sunday.

Mrs. Jeff Cunningham arrived Sunday from Arkansas and is visiting her daughter Mrs. Roy Lovely and husband, expecting to be here for some time.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Foley of down river, one

day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Clise are happy over the birth of a son, Donald Rex, at Mercy Hospital Saturday. The lad tipped the scales at 9 pounds and 10 ounces and he is 22 1/4 inches tall.

Major and Mrs. Gerald Peterson of M.S.C., East Lansing, are spending a few days with Col. and Mrs. Roy Vandercook at their AuSable river home.

Kenneth Allen and a couple of friends from Flint visited at the home of Kenneth's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilcox in Maple Forest. They had taken

a trip to Harrisville and on their return expected to visit the Pines, Fish Hatchery, Spikehorn Inn and the college at Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Hazel Kochanowski and son Roy of Cadillac and Mr. and Mrs. Olson of Chicago spent the weekend with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Katie Waldrum.

Mrs. James Reynolds Sr., Mrs. Liland Smock and Mrs. Jess Green of Roscommon attended the wedding of the former's granddaughter, Miss Vera Mae Reynolds, in Muskegon, Saturday.

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69 Years Ago  
September 12, 1918

Wm. Waldebaumer

Wm. Waldebaumer went to Bay City Tuesday to visit his brother Fred, who is home from an army camp on furlough.

J.E. Richards and family closed their cottage at Lake Margrethe Wednesday and returned home to Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Richards is vice-president of the Garment Purchasing committee of the Government, and his duties necessitated that he return home earlier than usual.

Miss Denia Sivrais, formerly of this city, and

Mr. Arthur Johnson of Flint, were united in marriage at the latter place Saturday, Sept. 7. They were guests over Sunday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Sivrais, while on their honeymoon trip. They will reside in Flint.

Miss Ruth Engel of Alba is visiting at the home of Miss Matilda Stephan down the river.

Mr. John Schoeffer

and son Bailey of Pittsburgh, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Hanson. Mr. Schoeffer is a brother of Mrs. Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Haight of Toledo are spending a few days visiting at the home of their cousin, E.R. Clark and family of this city.

Miss Inez Carpenter of Detroit has been spending a few days here a guest at the home of Mrs. L. Tetu.

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Jerry W. Morford, City Clerk

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physician or to the supplier, the method of payment is called "assignment."

The assignment method can be used only if both the physician or the supplier and the patient agree to it. When this method is used, the physician or the supplier agrees that his or her charge for the service will be no more than that approved by the Medicare carrier. Medicare will then pay 80 percent

of the approved charge after subtracting any part of the \$75 deductible that the patient has not met.

Not all physicians will accept assignment. A list of those who will may be obtained from any Social Security office.

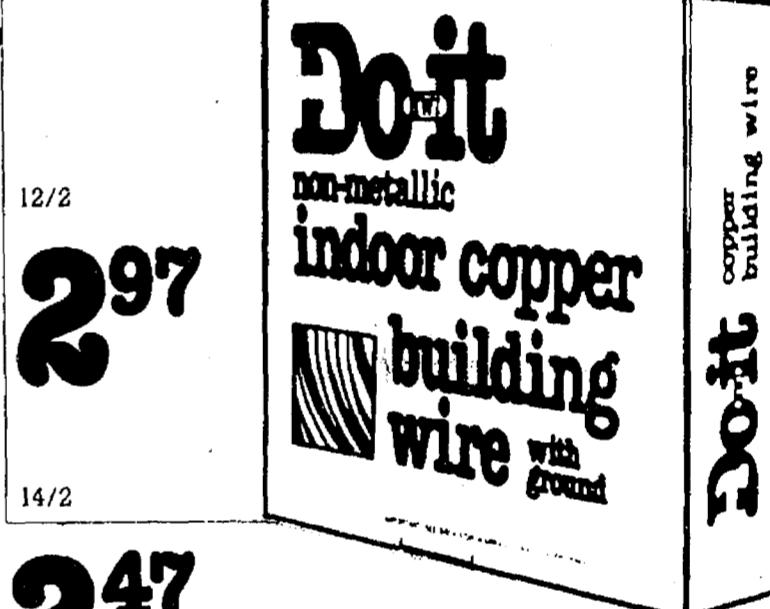
A representative from Social Security is at the Courthouse in Cravling the first and third Tuesday of each month from 10:30 until 2:00.

by Fay Bovee



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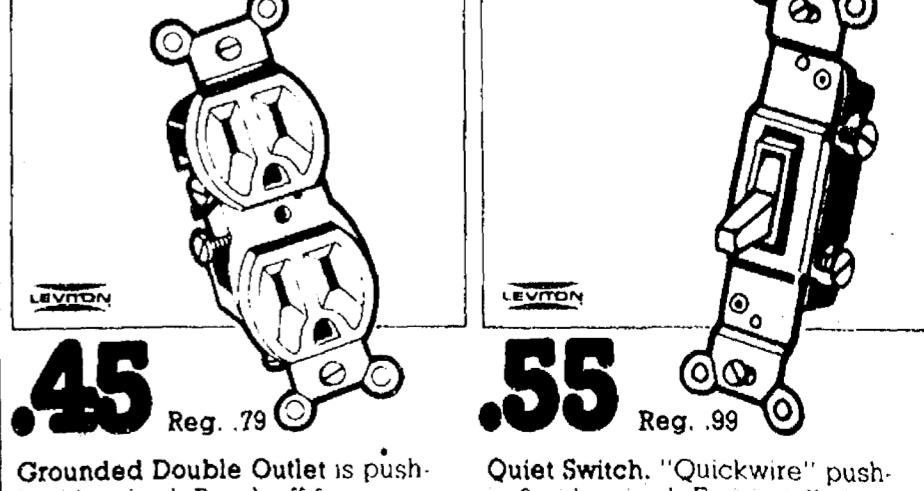
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## Drinking Problems Increase Among Women

By Shelly Maiorana

Ladies don't drink ... or do they? Reports on the incidence of drinking show that drinking problems are increasing among women. The difference between men and women alcoholics has been largely ignored, but over the past 10 years there has been greater interest in alcoholism among women.

Today's American woman is drinking alcohol more often and about two of the 10 who drink are, or will be,

come addicted. Our culture tells us that drinking is a social grace and very pleasurable, but our billboards rarely mention the reverse side. The image of a woman facing the day with a hangover is not glamorous. The insidious preoccupation with drinking, or the vomiting that occurs with drunkenness is a far cry from the woman on the wiskey billboard ads.

Women who are psychologically or physically ad-

dicted to alcohol do not all look the same. Some are teenagers, some working women ... they may be middle-aged, grandmothers, single, married, pregnant or someone who looks just like your best friend. Drinking has become a highly visible and acceptable pattern of behavior.

Most women who have a drinking problem are not the "hidden housewife." They're not like the myth describing the woman alone at home, watching soap operas and drinking alcohol. The fact is that most women today are employed and have alcohol more available to them.

There are stigmas around

the woman alcoholic that may prevent a woman from seeking help. Women are held as having special roles as "guardian of social virtue and socializers of children." Society hates to see a woman off her pedestal. Because of this stigma, women (and men) are encouraged to deny, to themselves and others the extent of the drinking problem. The fear of exposure leads to secrecy and hiding. Whether a woman goes to treatment or not, she must face the fact that the misuse of alcohol and other drugs can be harmful to her health.

Due to a woman's physiology and lesser body weight, alcohol will produce

a significantly higher level of alcohol concentration in the blood of a woman than it does in a man. Women can, and do become hooked on the drug alcohol. The social significance of celebrities and president's wives acknowledging their alcoholism sets an example for other women to seek help.

For more information call HAZELDEN Educational Materials, 1-800-328-9000 and request "Women's Issues."

(Shelly Maiorana, M.P.H., is Substance Abuse Supervisor at Mercy Hospitals Cadillac/Grayling, where an acute detoxification program was begun this July.)

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Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) is a group of birth defects which result from drinking alcohol during pregnancy. It includes such symptoms as: mental retardation, other central nervous system disorders, facial abnormalities, and low birth weight. The effects of FAS are not reversible or treatable. Fetal Alcohol Effects (FAE) occur when only some of the symptoms are present.

FAS is the third leading cause of birth defects associated with mental retardation, and is the only birth defect that is totally preventable. It occurs at the rate of 1 to 3 cases per 1,000 live births. In Michigan, approximately 400 FAS births would be expected in each year. The number of FAE babies is even higher.

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effects are completely preventable if the pregnant mother abstains from alcohol. A 1981 Surgeon General's Advisory on Alcohol and Pregnancy and the National Council on Alcoholism advise pregnant women not to drink alcohol beverages. This is the surest means of preventing FAS, since experts cannot determine any level of alcohol which is "safe" for the fetus.

The risk increases directly with the amount and frequency of alcohol which the mother consumes. Any reduction in alcohol consumption will tend to reduce the risk of FAS and FAE.

The problems associated with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome are not limited to the

devastating impact of the syndrome on the baby itself, its parents, and other family members. FAS affected individuals cost the nation approximately 2.4 billion dollars in direct health and educational services each year, and the impaired wage earning ability for FAS adults is estimated at 2.6 billion dollars annually.

A package of bills to help prevent FAS has been introduced in the Michigan Legislature by Representative Mary Brown of Kalamazoo. Bills to require warning posters at sites where alcohol can be purchased, educational programs, information at doctor's offices, and a registry of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome occurrences are part of the Legislative package.

### Editor's Quote Book

He who will not reason, is a bigot; he who cannot is a fool; and he who dares not, is a slave.

William Drummond

## Military Service

Airman James L. Sorenson Jr., son of James L. and Mickey L. Sorenson of 307 Ionia St., Grayling, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

During the six weeks of training the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the community college of the Air Force.

He is a 1986 graduate of Grayling High School.



James Sorenson

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# Sports

## Roscommon Beats Grayling 26-6 In Opener

Roscommon spoiled Grayling's season opener last Friday night, beating the Vikings 26-6 at the Grayling field.

Roscommon scored on a short pass in the first quarter and a long run in the

second quarter to lead 13-0. The Vikings came back in the second quarter to score on a 35-yard pass from Chris Skidmore to Jeff Palmer. The Grayling extra point kick was no good.

Roscommon scored two

more times in the second half and Grayling never got untracked.

Besides Palmer's touchdown catch, Rusty Argue provided most of Grayling's offense carrying the ball for 78 yards.

Another bright spot for Grayling, pointed out by head Coach Don Stowers, was the punting of Marty Jung. Jung connected for a 45-yard punt and a 32-yard punt. His longest punt was downed by Jeff Wolcott on the one-yard line.

Tom Shively led the defense with 8 tackles and John Gay had 7 tackles. Flaskie Robins played well at linebacker and Wolcott did a good job covering punts, coach Stowers said.

Overall, Stowers felt the team had a spotty performance.

He felt the two most important things in the game for Grayling were the kick-offs and turnovers.

"In most games, you beat yourselves," Stowers said. "We hurt ourselves on kick-offs and we had four turnovers."

Stowers said Grayling started the game off with a 15-yard penalty on the kick-off that gave them poor field position.

"We never got out of the hole until they scored first," said Stowers. He pointed out the importance of field position in starting drives. College statistics show a team starting on their own 20 yard line will score only once in thirty times. But a team starting on its own 40-yard line will score once every eight times.

On the four turnovers (two fumbles and two interceptions), Stowers said every turnover is the equivalent of losing 60 yards.

Grayling faces the tough task of traveling to powerhouse Cheboygan this Friday for the league opener but Stowers was looking forward to the challenge.

"They play football the same way as everyone else — with 11 men at a time," he said. "We're capable of playing better than our first game."

Roscommon also beat the Grayling junior varsity team 30-6 Thursday night at Roscommon.

Roscommon led 6-0 at half but increased their lead by taking advantage of Vikings errors. Grayling scored in the 4th quarter on a 55-yard run by Mick McKinney. The run wide for two points failed after the touchdown.

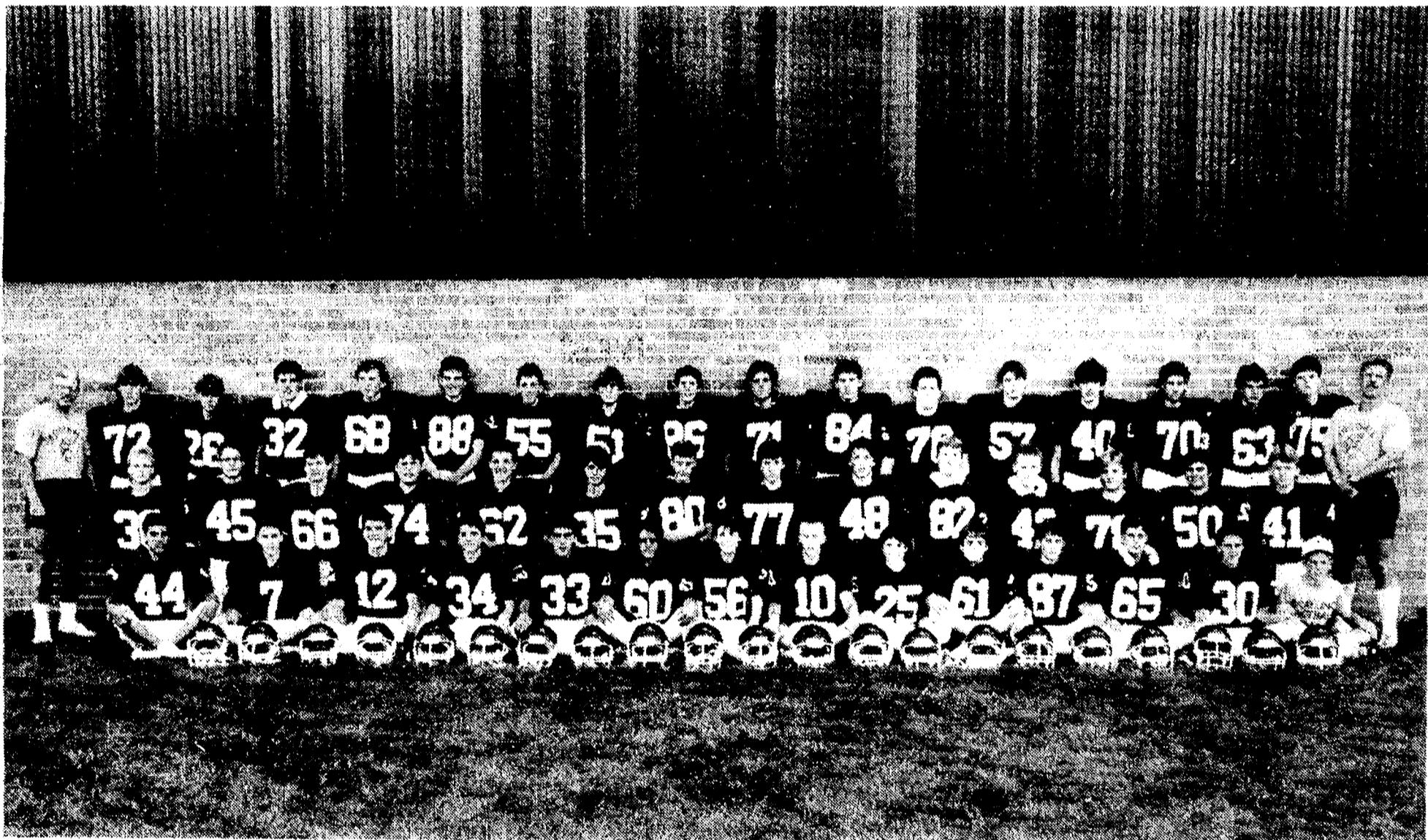
The J.V. team hosts Cheboygan here at 6:30 p.m.

For the first week of play, the Grayling Spirit Club named Jeff Palmer and Rusty Argue the offensive players of the week and Tom Shively and John Gay the defensive players of the week.



1987 VARSITY -- Front row, L-R, Ted Bayham, Brian Kersnstock, Rusty Argue, Tim Hickey, Jeff Millikin, John Lamie, Kevin Kamph, Marty Jung, Bud Ostrowski, Jeremie Mead, 2nd row, Mark Lowe, Mike Davis, Robert Ellsworth, Pat Nunn, Jeff Palmer, Flaskie Robins, Chris Skidmore, Steve

Lehti, Jay Ramsey, Clark Allen, coach Mike Branch, 3rd row, coach Don Ferguson, John Gay, Bob Butler, Mark Shepler, Tom Shively, Kevin Bickford, Jeff Wolcott, Jayson Welser, Rick Sprague, Ward Jones, Jason Teddy, head coach Don Stowers.



J.V. TEAM -- Front, L-R, Shane Fraser, Tim Hough, Matt Branch, Chad Widrig, Kurt Schmidt, Frank Wildfang, Todd Elekovich, Chris Bindschadel, Brian Shepler, Max Prosser, Adam Mead, David Teddy, Andy Barkway, second row, Tom Dawson, Scott Nicholas, Jeremy Baroset, David Maule, Brent Day, Harry James, John Jurkovich, Chad Bonamie,

Todd Thorsen, Joe LaForest, Karl Mead, Matt Holcamp, Lucky Gunter, Mick McKinney, 3rd row, coach Fred Wolcott, Rick O'Brien, Cory McDougal, Dana Mirate, Kevin Austin, Ron Doe, Pete Opperman, Lonnie Davis, Matt Spencer, Frank Hartwick, Pat Gzinski, David Bentley, Chris Millikin, Kirt Annis, Todd Millikin, Troy McDonald, Nathan Ginther, coach Chuck Spencer.

### Par for the Course

The "Hookers & Slicers" league played their final game for the 1987 season on September 3rd. Following was a happy hour and an awards dinner.

Traveling trophies went to Rose and Gil Crawford for 1st place. Elsie and Don Jansen won 2nd place. The winners of the Good Sports Couple trophy went to Lucille and Leo Bagrosky.

A new game called the Green Weinie was played and two foursomes tied for 1st place. They were Peg and Ken Carlisle and Phyllis and Bill Scheer. The other foursomes included Thelma and Tom Bateman, Evelyn McIntosh and Mike Hoffman.

Other prizes given were: Closest to the pin on No. 8 men - Gil Crawford. Longest putt on No. 5 men - J.C. King. Closest to the pin on the second shot on No. 3 women - Carolyn Glaza. Longest putt on No. 6 women - Mary Sidwell.

Door prizes were won by: Marge Smith, Peg Carlisle, Kay Ellen King, Bill Scheer, Tom Bateman, Clara Beaufait, J.C. King, Sue Brenner, Doris

Pat Jackman, Phyllis Scheer, and Leo Bagrosky.

A new board was elected. Marge and Dan Smith are the new chairpersons. Rose and Gil Crawford, Vice Chairpersons, Elsie and Don Jansen, Sec'y-Treas. Bill and Marlene Harris remain scorekeepers.

Birtcher, president, led the business meeting. Election of new board members for the 1988 year took place with Nancy Hoffman, Lynda Hetrick and Marilyn Fick being elected.

A special occasion was celebrated when the group

surprised Evelyn Sager by singing "Happy Birthday" and bringing in a huge birthday cake. She was also presented with a book entitled 'Friends', a basket, and lots of birthday cards. Evelyn will celebrate her 80th birthday on September 13.

### Bowling

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## Michigan Mirror

### Officials Urge Compliance With 55 Speed Limit

By Warren M. Hoyt  
Michigan Press Association

Michigan is on the brink of losing federal highway funds totaling nearly \$13 million if more motorists do not obey the 55-mile-per-hour speed limit during the next five weeks, Department of Transportation Director James Pitz said recently.

At a Lansing summit meeting attended by State Police Director Ritchie Davis and representatives from police and sheriffs associates, Pitz called for an aggressive effort to reduce the state's current non-compliance rate of 50.5 percent, through increased public awareness and greater police visibility and enforcement and said he hopes motorists will voluntarily lower their speeds.

"Our third-quarter data shows there is still a chance to meet the 50 percent federal compliance standard if fourth-quarter speeds are kept down," Mr. Pitz said. "We can improve our compliance rate by the end of the fiscal year if at least 2 percent of drivers will reduce their speeds to 55," he said.

Davis, an opponent of the proposed 65-mile-per-hour limit, said he will instruct troopers to become more visible and increase the use of air speed radar.

"I am encouraging our patrol cars to spend more time in rest areas talking to the public about the importance of compliance. Slowing down will not only save the state money, it will also help save lives," he said.

Bill Tansil of the Department of Transportation planning division, said the state's non-compliance level has shown a steady up-ward trend over the last 5 years, from 47 percent in 1981 to 50.5 percent this year.

He said 44 monitoring stations at 44 ran-

dom locations are used; 14 others yet to be monitored before the final report is submitted is where the state has a chance to reach compliance.

Tansil said the biggest problem is from drivers going more than 60 miles per hour, with police agencies generally not ticketing persons traveling not more than 5 miles per hour over the limit.

Other data gathered in the third-quarter showed a 67.6 statewide percentage of drivers exceeding the 55 limit in 1987, compared to 62.8 percent in 1986. The percentage of drivers exceeding 55 on urban interstates was 83.9 percent in 1987, up from 82.9 percent in 1986.

And there were 74.3 percent of drivers exceeding 55 on urban freeways, up from 72.9 percent in 1986. Rural interstate speeds showed the only decline, with 89.2 percent exceeding 55, compared to 93.8 percent in 1986.

Pitz said if the state fails to comply with the 50 percent rate, there would be a year grace period to argue the case and make adjustments in the non-compliance rate. He said a 65-mile-per-hour law would not necessarily guarantee better compliance.

The average urban interstate speed for 1987 in the third quarter was 62.1, up slightly from 61.8 last year, while the total average speed for all roads was 58.3, virtually unchanged from 58.2 last year.

"I would support the higher limit, but not with the removal of the point penalty system as it came out of the Legislature," Pitz said. "If the limit is raised to 65, but remains 55 on some roads and we don't penalize drivers for exceeding that speed, we'll have a real safety problem."



**ELECTRONICS** — David Bentley (left), son of Bernard and Linda Bentley of Frederic, is shown participating in the Electronics exploration, which is a feature of Michigan Tech's Summer Youth Program. Bentley attends Grayling High School where he is a member of the football team.

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### Lovells News

by Ruth Caid

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ents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McKinney of Alpharetta, Georgia, are visiting her mother, Mrs. Edith Maki.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gillece from the Chicago area spent the holiday weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beaufait.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Johnson and family visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Johnson over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Harwood and daughters from Midland spent the weekend with his mother and family, Mrs. Margie Harwood.

Mrs. Phyllis Caid and friend of Adrian, visited her son, Tim and other relatives on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clive Mar-

shall returned home on Wednesday after enjoying a month vacation in England, visiting his brother and family whom he had not seen in 65 years.

### Library Story Hour Begins

Pre-school story hour will be held at the Crawford County Library beginning Wednesday, Sept. 16, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. and continuing every Wednesday thereafter. Three, four, and five year olds not yet in kindergarten are invited to attend. Pre-registration is not required.

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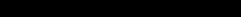
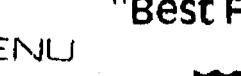
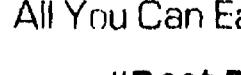
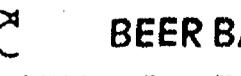
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## Color Tours Are Around The Corner

Nature's paintbrush will drench the state in gold, crimson, copper and russet from mid-September until October, but the intensity of those colors depends on the weather, reports AAA Michigan.

Michigan usually has good displays of yellow and orange, but the weather must be just right for the deep reds. Bright, dry fall days and very cool nights produce vivid colors.

Extremes in fall temperatures and light - such as clouds one day and sunshine the next - can affect the intensity of the colors and produce lackluster hues in leaves.

An unseasonably hot, dry summer in some areas, indicates that some leaves did not have the chance to "ripen," and fell off the tree before they could change color. If the leaf is green by early September, then the

chances for a good color display are improved.

Leaves contain chlorophyll, a pigment that makes them green when combined with the right amount of light. Many leaves also have the pigments carotene and xanthophyll which color the leaves yellow and orange when the chlorophyll

breaks down. The dazzling reds are caused by high concentrations of sugar which produce anthocyanin.

Colorful displays of leaves begin in the north with mid-September to early October the best time to view brightly hued leaves in the Upper Peninsula and the tip of the Lower Peninsula. From late

September to mid-October, leaves are at their colorful best south of Alpena and north of Standish.

The mid-section of the state from Ludington to Holland is drenched in color from early to mid-October. And the sector south of Holland, and including Southeast Michigan, is at its peak from mid- to late October.



**THEATER WORKSHOP** — Angela Thompson (right), daughter of Randy and Lynn Thompson of Grayling, is shown participating in the Theater Workshop exploration, which is a feature of Michigan Technological University's Summer Youth Program. She was among 1200 junior and senior high school students attending the fifteenth annual Summer Youth Program held at Michigan Tech. Thompson attends Grayling Middle School where she is 7th grade class representative.

## District Court

The following persons appeared in 83rd District Court before Judge Francis L. Walsh:

Mark Andrew Kaye, of Livonia, plead guilty to a charge of impaired driving. He was fined \$355 or 30 days, his license suspended for 90 days, and restricted license for work. He was cited by the Sheriff Dept. on Oct. 4, 1986.

Michael M. McEvers, 37, of Grayling, plead guilty to a charge of O.U.I.L. He was fined \$405 or 30 days, his license revoked and 1 year probation. He was cited by the Sheriff Dept. on Oct. 26, 1986.

Timothy C. Meighen, 31, of Lansing, plead guilty to a charge of impaired driving. He was fined \$355 or 30 days and his license suspended for 90 days. He was cited by the City Police on May 15, 1987.

Philip Wade Dickinson, 46, of Saginaw, plead guilty to a charge of impaired driving. He was fined \$355 or 30 days, his license suspended for 90 days, and restricted license

for work. He was cited by the Sheriff Dept. on May 26, 1987.

Sophie Naujakas, 65, of Grayling, plead guilty to a charge of larceny under \$100. She was fined \$105 or 10 days. She was cited July 15, 1987 following a citizen complaint.

Ruth Elinor Horn, 60, of Grayling, plead guilty to a charge of larceny under \$100. She was fined \$105 or 10 days. She was cited July 16, 1987 following a citizen complaint.

William James Wilson, 57, of Grayling, plead guilty to a charge of impaired driving. He was fined \$405 or 30 days, and his license suspended for 6 months. He was cited by the Sheriff Dept. on Feb. 22, 1987.

Rodney Gene Riggs, 30, of Frederic, was bound over to circuit court on two charges, 1) resist and obstruct a police officer, and 2) malicious destruction of police property. A \$5,000 personal bond was set.

Jim Cross, 28, of Higgins Lake, demanded preliminary examination to a 6 charges of no account check. A \$6,000 personal bond was

set. He was cited from May 31, 1987 to June 8, 1987 following a citizens complaint.

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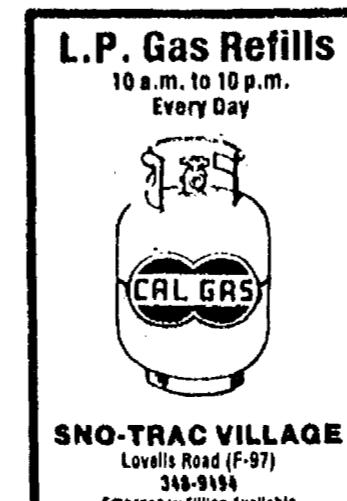
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Mercy Hospital, Grayling

## Mercy Matters

By Robert J. Maher  
President and Chief Executive Officer

As Crawford County's largest employer, Mercy Hospital, Grayling contributes significantly to the community's economic base. Last year our 233 full-time and 136 part-time employees earned over \$5 million. In addition, they received many employee benefits costing the hospital over \$1 million annually. These dollars are pumped back into the Grayling economy at the grocery store, the gas station, and the many other local businesses in town.

Mercy Hospital is also a business, although we are a non-profit corporation. This means we keep our spending in line with our revenues, and don't raise prices for the sake of making a bigger profit. We don't charge \$10 for an aspirin... in fact many items such as aspirin, Tylenol and Milk of Magnesia

are all part of your daily room charge. You won't ever find a charge on your bill for aspirin.

When you pay your hospital bill, here's how we spend your dollar: Salaries, supplies, charity care, employee benefits, depreciation, utilities and interest.

Employee salaries and benefits account for 35 percent of our overall budgeted expenditures. Last year that totaled \$6,232,568. Our charity care, bad debts and allowances equaled \$5,416,016, or accounted for 31 percent of our budget last year. Supplies to operate the hospital are another big budget item, representing \$3,829,210 last fiscal year. Depreciation and interest on our building make up 10 percent of our budget, while utilities account for the remaining 2 percent.

It is important to note that salaries, supplies, charity care, employee benefits, and utilities are all areas of spending that Mercy Hospital contributes back to the Grayling and surrounding communities. We conduct business locally whenever possible, and take pride in the support we receive in return from our local merchants.

Where do we get our operating revenue? Payment for services at the hospital is achieved in three basic ways: private pay (you pay out of your own pocket), third-party pay (Blue Cross/Blue Shield and insurance), and government pay (Medicare and Medicaid). Traditionally, Mercy Hospital has also been supported by the residents of Grayling and other communities we serve. Philan-

thropic dollars are very important in providing capital for equipment, but are only a small portion of our overall revenues. Most of our revenue, over \$11 million last year, came from Medicare and Medicaid payments from the state and federal government. These payments are under continuing pressure as the government lessens its support of health care funding.

As we continue to progress in the health care field by initiating new programs and services for our patients, we do so in a climate that isn't favorable to small community hospitals. However, our mission remains the same: To serve the health care needs of our northern Michigan residents with a sense of community, compassion and commitment.

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Persons interested in taking the tests should register by calling the college between September 21 and September 25 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration is limited to 30 persons. Cost for the exams is \$15.

For further information or to register for the tests, contact Kirtland's Student Services Office at 517-275-5121, or 1-800-433-2517, extension 251.

## NOTICE

The annual local unit fiscal report (Form F-65) for the County of Crawford, covering the fiscal year ended December 31, 1985 was filed with the Michigan Department of Treasury on June 1, 1987.

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Women's Aglow  
Meeting Cancelled

The Grayling Women's Aglow are cancelling their September meeting to enable our ladies to attend an exciting fall retreat in Houghton Lake. The retreat is being held this Friday and Saturday, September 11 and 12 at Houghton Lake Holiday Inn.

Jane Hansen, International President of Women's Aglow will be the special speaker for this event. For more information call JoAnn Sperry at 941-4081.

There will also be a Leadership Training Workshop for Aglow being held at Hidden Valley in Gaylord. There is a \$6.00 registration fee for this meeting which is due by October 11. For more information regarding this meeting, please call Helen Mack at 275-5620 or Patty Petrie at 348-3314.

Grayling Women's Aglow will be having their October meeting the 17th of October at Bear's Country Inn. More details will be given at a later time.

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP  
NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Sept. 21, 1987, at 7:00 p.m. in the township office, West M-72 Plaza. The following cases will be heard:

CASE No. 87-15: Mark & Delores Kinnison, petitioners, R-F Zone, T27N, R3W, Section 33. North Down River Road. A request to place a garage (720 sq. ft.) on a lot with an undersized mobile home (500 sq. ft.).

CASE No. 87-16: Fred Taylor, petitioner, R-F Zone, T26N, R2W, Sec. 11, M-72 East. A request for a variance to allow an addition on the west side of the residence to come 20' from the lot line (15' variance).

CASE No. 87-17: Kenneth Shepard, petitioner, R-2 Zone, Grayling Mobile Estates, Lot 20. A request to place a pole barn garage 6' from the east lot line, a variance of 4'.

CASE No. 87-18: Charles McBride, petitioner, Portage Lake Park Subdivision, 1st. Addition, Block 4, Lots 11-23, R-2 Zone. A request to construct a permanent residence on property with a non-conforming cottage and use cottage as guest house.

Tentative texts and zoning maps may be examined at the township office during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the requests should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: 517-348-4361. Monica S. Ashton, Clerk

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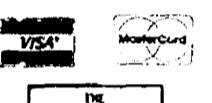
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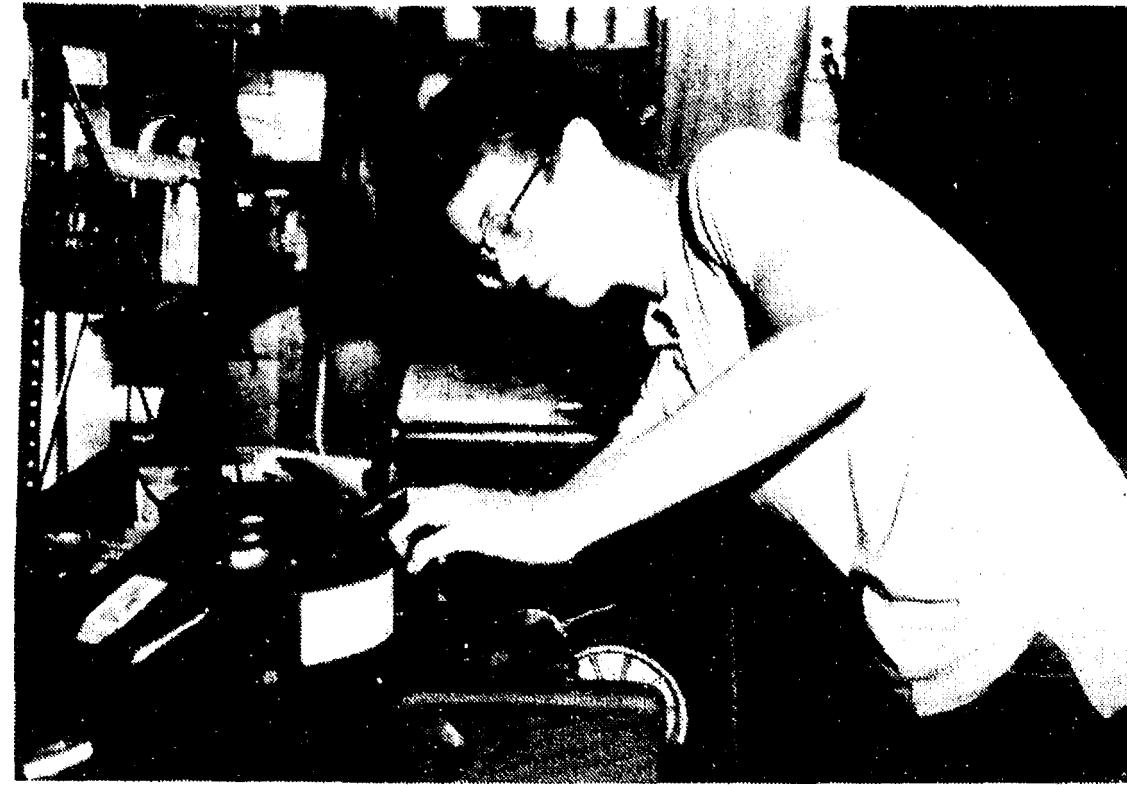
Dr. Kaatz recently completed his residency in Primary Care Internal Medicine at Henry Ford Hospital. He is a 1983 graduate of the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine, and is a member of the American Osteopathic Association. Dr. Kaatz and his wife are looking forward to living in northern Michigan.

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**ENGINE WORK** — Josh Woodland, son of Robert and Judy Woodland of Grayling, is shown fixing a lawnmower engine during the Small Engine Repair exploration, which is a feature of Michigan Technological University's Summer Youth Program. Woodland attends Grayling High School where he is a member of the jazz, marching and pit bands.

### Bits of Talk

On August 22nd, Mrs. Jean Benware and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Tobias attended the wedding of Jean's granddaughter, Kelly Jean Michalski to Raymond Brian Morse at the Sterling Methodist Church, Sterling, Michigan, with Reverend Britt officiating.

The bride wore her mother's wedding gown. Dinner and reception were held at Gibson Township Hall, Bentley, Michigan.

The new bride and groom left for Orlando, Florida, on their honeymoon, where they will also make their home and Mr. Morse is employed.

Nancilee LeButt of Jackson spent some time at her home at Lake Margrethe last week.

### GARDEN

#### There Are Maroon And White Bull's-Eyes On The Leaves Of My Red Maple.

What you describe are maple eyespot galls. They are caused by a midge, a type of small fly. Ignore the spots. By the time you notice the spots the damage has already been done. The damage is aesthetic if anything at all since the spots do not seriously affect the health of the tree. The population of the midges that cause these spots fluctuates from year to year. Some years you will see numerous spots and in other years none at all.

Is it necessary to add red coloring to the mixture in my hummingbird feeder?

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Please give me information about the tall sunflowers covered with golden blooms.

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### Range Firing Conducted

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling during the period 9 Sept. - 16 Sept. in the following areas:

The Small Arms ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek. Firing will begin at 8:00 a.m. 12 Sept. and cease at 5:00 p.m. 13 Sept.

Range 13, Mortar Range located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Cadillac Rd. and on the east by Carrier Rd. Firing will begin at 8:00 a.m. 12 Sept. and cease at 5:00 p.m. on 13 Sept.

The Range 40 Complex located north of County Rd 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd 618, and west of County Rd F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.). Firing will begin at 8:00 a.m. (Daily) 9 Sept. and cease at 5:00 p.m. (Daily) 16 Sept.

The Ranges will be closed to the public during these periods and all persons are warned to keep out of the areas identified.

### Substance Abuse Board To Meet

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services Board of Directors will be held on Monday, September 14, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Grayling. For agenda and details please call (517) 732-1791.

### NOTICE TO FREDERIC & MAPLE FOREST RESIDENTS

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## Alumni News

We salute this Class of '37. They will have reunion with us. Our final plans are underway for the Annual 35th Anniversary Year as an G.H.S. Alumni Dinner on September 26. This is our

15th year reunion, an invited guest was Frank L. Bond. He suggested that this class should be the one to organize the Alumni. He was right. Our first dinner was served by Carroll Wert, in the gymnasium (now Middle School). The first slate of officers chosen that night were, President Clara Atkinson Sorenson '35, Vice President, Robert Welsh '41...Secretary, Don Gothro '35...Treasurer, Anna Swanson Granger '26. We received our Charter from the School Board in 1953. We take great pride in our organization. We are proud to be G.H.S. Alumni.

Only classes with updated mailing lists received our annual newsletters, but if there are those who are eligible, as Alumni, who want to attend our dinner, write to the G.H.S. Alumni Office, 403 Mich. Ave., Grayling, MI 49738, or call Clara Sorenson, Membership Secretary 348-8260, after 6 p.m. Memberships are available anytime.

### PUBLIC RELEASE FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICED MEALS

C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District Local School Food Authority today announced its policy for free and reduced-price meals or free milk for children unable to pay the full price of meals or milk served under the National School Lunch, School Breakfast or Commodity School Programs. The following household size and income criteria will be used for determining eligibility.

TOTAL FAMILY SIZE	A. SCALE FOR FREE MEALS OR FREE MILK			B. SCALE FOR REDUCED PRICE MEALS		
	YEAR	MONTH	WEEK	YEAR	MONTH	WEEK
1	7,150	596	138	10,175	848	196
2	9,620	802	185	13,690	1,141	264
3	12,090	1,008	233	17,205	1,434	331
4	14,560	1,214	280	20,720	1,727	399
5	17,030	1,420	328	24,235	2,020	467
6	19,500	1,625	375	27,750	2,313	534
7	21,970	1,831	423	31,265	2,606	602
8	24,440	2,037	470	34,780	2,899	669
Each additional family member	+2,470	+206	+48	+3,515	+293	+68

Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free and reduced-price meals or free milk.

Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced-priced meals, households should fill out the form and return it to the school. Additional copies of the application form are available at the principal's office in each school. Households should answer all questions on the form. An application which does not contain all of the following information cannot be processed by the school: (1) the total household income AND the amount and source of income received by each household member (such as wages, child support, etc.) OR the household's food stamp case or AFDC number if the household is on food stamps or receives AFDC; (2) names of all household members; (3) social security numbers of all household members 21 years of age or older, or the word "none" for any adult household member who does not have a social security number; and (4) the signature of an adult household member.

**FOOD STAMP/AFDC HOUSEHOLDS:** If you currently receive Food Stamps or "Aid to Families with Dependent Children" (AFDC) for your child, you only have to list your child's name and Food Stamp or AFDC case number, print your name and sign the application.

The information provided by the household is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility and verifying data. Applications may be verified by the school or other officials at any time during the school year.

If children are approved for free or reduced-price meal or free milk benefits, the household must report to the school increases in household income over \$50 per month (\$600 per year) and decreases in household size.

Households may apply for benefits at any time during the school year. If a household is not currently eligible but has a decrease in household income, an increase in household size or if a household member becomes unemployed, the household should fill out an application at that time.

In most cases foster children are eligible for these benefits regardless of the household's income. If a household has foster children living with them and they wish to apply for free or reduced-price meals or milk for them, the household should contact the school for more information.

**Under the provisions of the policy** **Ruggero Dozzi** **Title of the Determining Official** **will review applications and determine eligibility.**

Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. The household also has the right to a fair hearing. This can be done by calling or writing the following official: George Johnson, C.O.O.R. Intermediate School and the C.O.O.R. Intermediate School

11051 North Cut Road Roscommon, MI 49663

have a copy of the complete policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

In the operation of the child feeding programs no child will be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or handicap. If any member of a household believes they have been discriminated against, they should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20502.

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# The Bible Speaks

From Calvary Baptist Church

## The Gospel of John

Part 2 Creator Christ

Did matter, life, and order evolve by blind chance, or the creative Word of God? Did man shape his own image in some primeval ooze, or was he created by Jesus Christ in His own image? Are we glorified animals on our way to gods, or fallen, depraved sinners in rebellion against our creator God?

"All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made." (John 1:3). Our Lord Jesus Christ was the eternal God who created all things out of nothing. Since all things were made by Him, and nothing was created without Him, His absolute pre-existence as eternal God is asserted or proven. Paul says in Colossians 1:16, 17, "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist." We can only say, "For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen." (Romans 11:36).

As creator of everything, our Lord Jesus Christ became the transcendent God of life and light who revealed God to man. "In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." (John 1:4, 5). All life and light has its origin in our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the etc living God who is the author of all physical and spiritual life anywhere in the

universe. He is the source of all true light both physical and spiritual.

Why are men in darkness to the life and light of our Lord Jesus Christ? Because they love their sins and choose to reject light for darkness. (John 1:19-21). This is because the god of this world, Satan, has deceived them. "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." (2 Cor. 4:4).

No human scientist can prove origins, it is a step of faith in either God, man or blind chance. It takes more faith to believe the changing theories of evolution than the eternal Word of God. "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." (Hebrews 11:4). (Hear "The Bible Speaks" at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday on WQON 100 FM). Pastor "B"

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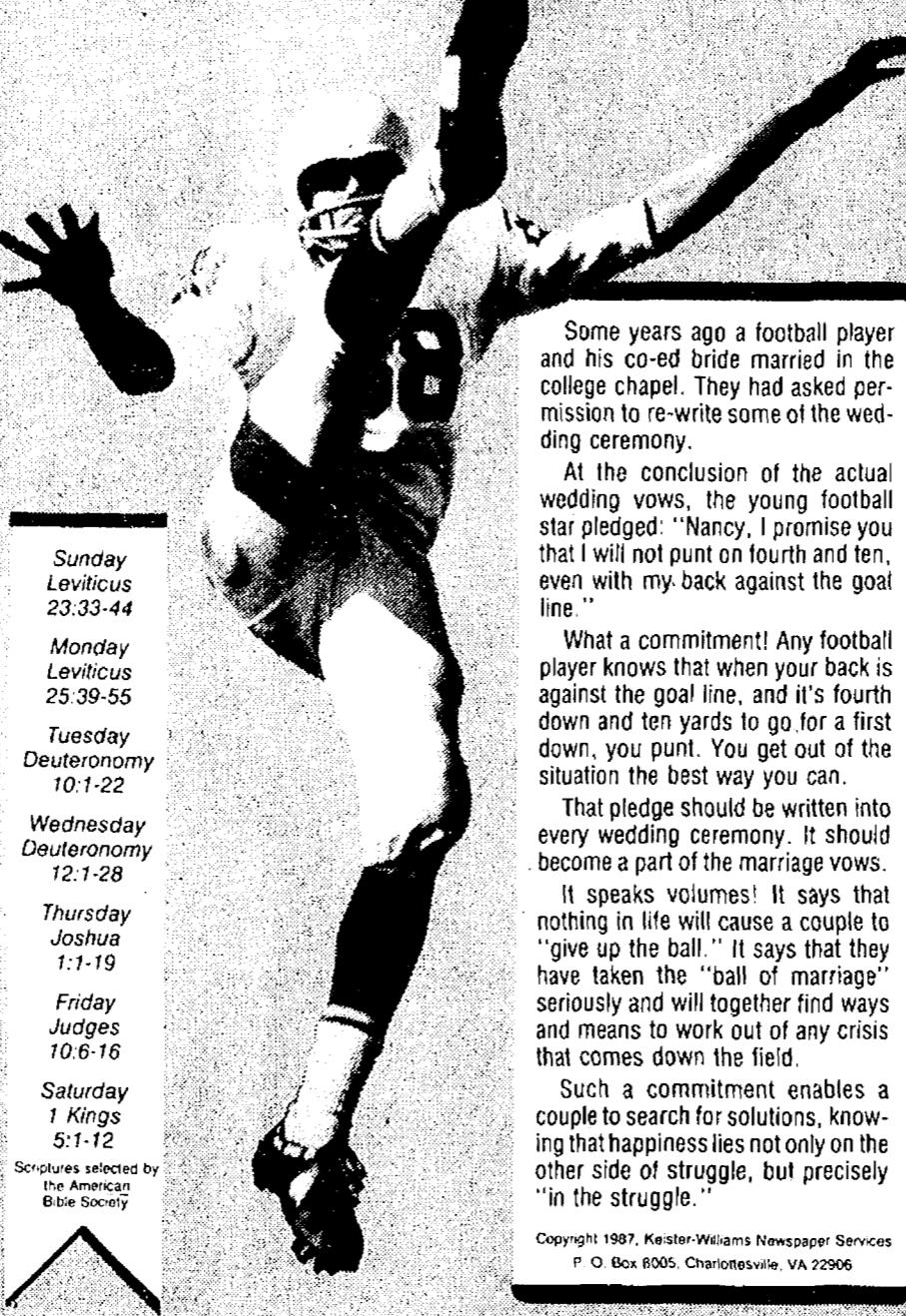
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## Road Commission Minutes

August 7, 1987

A regular meeting of the Crawford County Road Commission was held in their office in Grayling. Chairman Kraus presiding. Present were: Commissioners Grover Cason and Norman Parker, Engineer-Manager John Keir and Accounting Clerk Joanne Thompson.

The minutes of the previous meeting of July 24, 1987 were read. Commissioner Parker made a motion to accept the minutes, as read, seconded by Commissioner Cason. All voted in favor, minutes approved.

Payroll Voucher Number 16 in the amount of \$26,955.31 and Material checks numbered 12430 through 12491 in the amount of \$302,985.44 were presented to the Board for approval of payment. Commissioner Cason made a motion to accept the vouchers, seconded by Commissioner Parker.

Permits were reviewed and signed as follows: Consumers Power Company to extend a primary line on Old 27 in Maple Forest Township and Shell Western to conduct a seismic survey in South Branch Township.

Engineer-Manager Keir informed the Board of the Northern Michigan Association of Road Commissions meeting next month and also that Pollak Bridge is now completed and has been opened to traffic.

Discussion was held on road name signs and equipment. Commissioner Cason offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption.

**BE IT RESOLVED** THAT Chairman Kraus and Vice-Chairman Parker be authorized to sign the contract CSR 20-82 26802A SR 2082 (202) SE 1947 with the Michigan Department of Transportation for 5.91 miles of widening, base correction and bituminous resurfacing of County Road 612.

Seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker.

Ayes: Kraus, Parker, Cason

Nays: None

Resolution adopted.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. All voted in favor, meeting adjourned.

Joanne Thompson

Accounting Clerk

Gloria Kraus

Chairman

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## City Council Proceedings

Regular meeting of the City Council held August 17, 1987. Meeting called to order by Mayor Thompson at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Golnick, Latuszek, Sloan, Thompson, White. Members absent: None.

Also in attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Allen V. Schreiner, City Treasurer, Paul Olson, Michigan Township Participating Plan Inc., Jeff Bowby, Meadowbrook Insurance Co., Mark Nestor, Meadowbrook Insurance Co., Robert Kisch, Michigan Municipal League, Arthur Thayer, A. Donald Sorenson, Tony Doremire.

Moved by Golnick, supported by Sloan that the minutes of the meeting of July 27, 1987 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak.

Mr. Arthur Thayer asked Council to reconsider their decision regarding Ordinance 87-1. He cited a Supreme Court decision which he stated required the city to have a referendum on the Ordinance. Mr. Thompson noted that Mr. Thayer is not a lawyer and neither are the council members. He asked Mr. Thayer for a copy of the decision which he cited so that the City Attorney can review the subject. Mr. Thompson thanked Mr. Thayer for attending.

Mr. Doremire appeared to speak on behalf of the upcoming vote on the Crawford County Ambulance proposal. He recommended approval.

Communications were received and noted.

From City Manager re: Council Meeting changes. September 14, 1987 Meeting changed to September 21, 1987.

From Fire Chief re: July Department Report.

From M.M.L. re: Legislative Bulletins.

From Police Chief re: July Department Report.

From City Treasurer re: July Gasoline Usage Report.

Old Business.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the City's Insurance program. Mr. Paul Olson was present representing Municipal Underwriters of Michigan with a proposal for the Insurance Coverage for FY 1987-88. Mr. Mark Nestor and Mr. Jeff Bowby and Robert Kisch representing the M.M.L. Liability and Property Pool were also present to discuss with Council the pool's proposal for the same insurance period. Mr. Olson explained the "PAR" Plan and his quote to the Council. Mr. Mark Nestor spoke about the proposal from the M.M.L. Pool. Mr. Kisch spoke about the Municipal League and its operation. He noted that Municipal Leagues in 23 states are now operating Self-Insurance Pools because of the cost of insuring through private companies. Mr. Bowby spoke about the differences between the M.M.L. Pool and the Par Plan. Mr. Kisch noted that several hundred townships have joined the M.M.L. Liability & Property Pool. Mr. Nestor talked about the relationship which has existed between the M.M.L. Pool and the City of Grayling for several years. Councilpersons asked numerous questions of both Insurance Companies representatives. Mr. Morford noted that our insurance renewal date is September 1, 1987.

Moved by Golnick, supported by White that the City of Grayling renew their Property and Liability Insurance with the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Insurance Pool for FY 1987-88. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

The City Manager presented to Council his proposal for the disposition of the DNR Fire Station land. The proposed land transfers appear to be acceptable to the other governmental units involved.

Moved by White, supported by Thompson that the Grayling City Council approve the proposed land division as outlined in the attached memo of August 4, 1987 and recommended its acceptance to the DNR. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Mr. Morford presented an amendment to the City of Grayling Hospital/Medical Policy which had been requested by Council. The City Attorney has reviewed the proposed amendment and concurs with its format.

Moved by Golnick, supported by White that the following policy be adopted.

### CITY OF GRAYLING MEDICAL/HOSPITAL INSURANCE PROGRAM AMENDMENT TO PAGE 6

#### HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR RETired EMPLOYEES AND THEIR SPOUSES.

Section 3. Supplemental hospital/medical insurance benefits shall be provided to City Employees who retire and meet the following criteria.

The Employee shall have attained the age of 65 and be eligible for the Federal Medicare Program.

b. The Employee shall have worked for the City of Grayling no less than the latest 10 consecutive years as a regular fulltime employee. To qualify as fulltime, an employee must have worked at least 20 hours per week during the 10 consecutive years of employment.

The City shall be a complimentary partner with the Federal Medicare Program and subject to only those obligations commensurate therewith.

Employees who are no less than 62 years of age nor greater than 65 years of age and have completed the latest 10 consecutive years' service with the City shall be entitled to purchase hospital/medical insurance for themselves and their spouse through the City group policy. In the event a qualified City employee elects to retire and meets the criteria outlined in this paragraph, the City will assume a portion of the cost equal to the supplemental portion of the insurance premium of an employee retiring at the age of 65 or more.

Any employee who retires from the City and thereafter assumes employment wherein the subsequent employer provides hospital/medical insurance, he/she shall not be entitled to receive supplemental hospital/medical insurance compensation or be reimbursed therefor. This Section shall be effective July 1, 1988 and only those employees meeting the criteria outlined in this Section after July 1, 1988 shall be eligible for the benefits herein provided.

This policy shall supercede the existing Section 3 of the City of Grayling's hospital medical policy.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Bids were received on some surplus city equipment which had been advertised. Bids were received from the following:

	1985	1976	1986	1983
Dodge	Cherry	Dodge	Plymouth	
4 Dr.	Pickup	Sedan	Engine for parts	
C&F Auto Salvage	\$1,019.00	\$219.00	\$109.00	
Richard Robinson			\$25.00	

Moved by Golnick, supported by Thompson that the bids be accepted and the equipment sold. Ayes: 4, Nays: 1 (Sloan), Absent: 0, motion carried.

### New Business.

The City Manager presented a request from Custom Forest Products, Inc. for PA 198 Tax Abatement on an estimated \$400,694.00 addition which was completed on May 18, 1987. The request is for a 12 year abatement of taxes on this addition.

Moved by Thompson, supported by Latuszek that the Council approve P.A. 198 Tax Abatement in the new addition of Custom Forest Products Inc. to be concurrent with their previous applications and to run for 7 years. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Mr. Morford presented an amendment to the 1987-88 FY Budget to allow for purchase of a machine for filling cracks during street repair operations.

Moved by Sloan, supported by White that the following amendment to the 1987-88 FY Budget be approved.

### GENERAL FUND

Increase  
Contribution to Internal Service Fund ..... \$9,000.

Decrease  
Reserve for Contingencies ..... 9,000.

### INTERNAL SERVICE FUND

Increase  
Transfer from General Fund (Revenue) ..... 9,000.

New Equipment (Expense) ..... 6,500.

Supplies (Expense) ..... 2,500.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

The City Manager gave Council a letter from Arnold Stancil, Grayling Township Supervisor, asking for city and township participating in a street light at the Grayling Eagles Club. The City Manager was directed to explore the cost of such a street light and report back at a later meeting.

Discussion of a renewal of the engineering contract with Richards & Associates took place. Mr. Morford recommended ap-

Moved by Golnick, supported by Thompson that the City Manager be authorized to enter into an agreement with Richards & Associates for Engineering Services as presented (see attached). Mr. Sloan questioned the 1/4 of one percent savings by using a city employee to aid the engineer. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Reports of City Manager. Mr. Morford reported on the following:

City Election November 3, 1987.

Housing Commission Minutes of 8-11-87.

Letter from Chairwoman of Milltown Parade commanding the city for their help.

County Special Election September 14, 1987.

Reports of Council Members.

Ms. Latuszek reported on meetings with the Police Chief regarding implementation of a computer system. Further reports will be on the August 31, 1987 Agenda.

Mr. Sloan asked about the weed ordinance enforcement.

Mr. White requested that a recognition program for volunteer employees be instituted as well as that for paid employees.

Mr. Golnick asked about having Mr. Sabin attend the next council meeting to discuss any new data regarding Ordinance 87-1.

Mr. Golnick asked about patching curbside holes on Michigan Avenue.

Adjournment.

Moved by Sloan, supported by Golnick that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford  
City Manager & City Clerk



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Crawford County Road Commission

Sealed proposals will be received by the Crawford County Road Commission at their office located at 320 State Street, Post Office Box 674, Grayling, Michigan 49738 until 10:00 a.m., September 21, 1987 for the following surplus equipment and materials.

- 1 - 1973 FORD CAB
- 1 - 1973 FORD FENDER & HOOD
- 1 - SEAMAN PULVIMIXER
- 1 - V-PLOW
- 1 - CONVEYOR
- 1 - FORD INDUSTRIAL ENGINE
- 1 - SCRAP PILE
- 1 - TIRE CHANGER

Equipment and materials may be viewed at their garage on State Street or Huron Street (M-72 East).

All proposals on the bid form are to be in sealed envelopes plainly marked "Surplus Equipment & Materials Bid."

All items must be paid for in full before removal from Road Commission property.

No guarantee is expressed or implied; all items are sold on an as is basis. All items must be paid for in full before removal from Road Commission property. All items must be removed within thirty (30) days after receiving notice of award of Bid.

# Features



## Resource Review

Bruce Patrick  
Conservation Officer

Hunting season is here and many people will soon be taking to the woods in pursuit of their favorite game. One of the reasons people hunt is for the food value of their prey. Proper handling will enhance the quality of the wildlife taken and improve its flavor.

There are three main causes of meat spoilage: heat, head and moisture. To insure returning home with good table meat, proper care to combat these elements is necessary.

Field dressing is the

removal of entrails only. This should be done soon after the animal is killed to allow the meat to cool. Do not destroy the identity of your game as that is unlawful. With small game animals and birds, field dressing is fairly simple if you are equipped with a sharp knife. Once the entrails are removed protect the carcass by placing it in a bag to keep it clean and placing in a cooler or other protective cover. Field dressing of big game such as deer is more com-

plicated, but basically the same. The intent is to cool the meat as quickly as possible. Again, once the animal is field dressed, protect it from dirt and moisture. When you get back home, the dressing process can begin. This is the removal of head, feet, skin and/or feathers. Some people dress their game immediately, others wait varying lengths of time. Whatever you do, protect it from dirt, heat and moisture until it is used or frozen. Don't let your game go to waste.

### THOUGHT FOR FOOD

by GOULD CROOK

#### Thomas Jefferson's Favorite Pasta

2 cups uncooked elbow macaroni  
2 pkgs. (3 ozs. each) cream cheese  
1/4 cup butter  
3/4 cup water  
2 tbsp. snipped parsley  
1/2 cup dried basil  
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese  
Salt and pepper to taste

Cook macaroni according to package directions; drain. Combine cream cheese and butter and stir over low heat until softened. Stir in macaroni. Add remaining ingredients. Mix lightly. Cook over medium heat, stirring frequently until heated through. 4 servings.

(Recipe has been updated for today's convenience.)

19 Crawford Co. Avalanche Thurs., Sept. 10, 1987

### BUDDY'S WORKSHOP

#### Start In The Attic First

We rent an older house that has absolutely no insulation. The landlord told me he would split the cost of insulation with me, but I'm not sure where to start since I can't afford to do the whole house.

Most experts agree that 75 percent of heat loss is divided evenly between the walls, roof and windows. The other 25 percent is lost through air leakage and the floor. Your best bet is to start in the attic, since it is probably the most accessible and easiest to insulate. Since you're on a budget, start with one inch of insulation and see how that works. The first inch is what saves you the most energy. As an example, you can expect to save about 12 percent with one inch, and 16 percent with two inches of insulation. So that second inch is only saving you 4 percent of your energy costs.

What is the purpose of those metal X's in between floor joists? A friend recently had a house built and the builder just attached one side and left them hanging.

Those metal X's (called bridging) are there to help keep the joists from warping. The builder either left them hanging so insulation could be installed easier, or he is waiting for everything to settle a bit before attaching them permanently. Both are common practices.

What causes paint to blister and peel off? I know I prepared the surface well, and I didn't use cheap paint.

My guess is the wood was not thoroughly dry when you painted it, or you didn't (or couldn't) paint all the surfaces of the wood. If not all surfaces were painted, moisture can enter through unsealed areas and exit through the paint. If you can't paint all the wood, find out where the moisture is coming from and try to stop as much as you can before you re-paint. If the wood was just wet on the surface you painted, prepare the surface again, this time letting the wood dry completely before painting again.

### Doodles From The Tall Timber



Wendell L. Hoover  
Park Interpreter

I hate to admit it but it is that time of year again. As I write this the last major holiday of summer ticks away. It is time now to shift gears so to speak from a summer schedule of guided hikes and evening programs to fall work projects and school groups who will be coming to the park from all over the state.

While my activities are altered, that does not mean that the park suffers from a lack of people. Weekdays may be rather quiet, but the weekends will continue to be very busy and especially so as the peak of the fall color approaches.

Speaking of fall color, I'm sure you are seeing what is

going on with the hardwoods in the area. I'm asked frequently if the color will peak early, and from the looks of things I would say yes.

The Indian Pipe was early this year and in the past that has heralded early snow. The cowbirds pulled out some time ago and now the blackbirds are flocked

together. Geese have been moving south for some time now and last evening I saw Juncos in back of the headquarters.

I'm no weather prophet, but the signals being shown by nature are not encouraging. Somehow I have the feeling of a long winter looming on the horizon.

### Help your kids to just say no.

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### Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast Period: 9/13-9/19/87

**ARIES**  
Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Mental and spiritual horizons are broadened. Obstacles seem to fall away and you are free to pursue new goals.

**TAURUS**  
Apr. 20-May 20

Changes in joint financial arrangements are likely. It's time to eliminate some factors no longer pertinent to your progress.

**GEMINI**  
May 21-June 20

Cooperation with associates is the key to gaining freedom of action. Social gatherings play an important part.

**CANCER**  
June 21-July 22

Employment opportunity comes out of the blue. A family member, past or present, has a strong influence.

**LEO**  
July 23-Aug. 22

Finance and romance seems to be in your stars, and you are quite ready to plunge one way or the other.

**VIRGO**  
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Interesting and unusual happenings within the family circle make the unsettled conditions at home a little easier to handle.

**LIBRA**  
Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Your keen intuition tells you just the right thing to say. Your position in the community is assured.

**SCORPIO**  
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

A lesson in the proper use of money and resources is brought home to you. Follow through on original plans.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Subtle changes are taking place in the way you look at life. Past interests lose meaning. New vistas beckon.

**CAPRICORN**  
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Placing too much trust in one you meet in your travels can bring disillusionment. Look behind the facade.

**AQUARIUS**  
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Make room for others to assume responsibilities in organizational affairs. Turn your attention to fresh new interests.

**PISCES**  
Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Demonstrating new and unusual methods in your professional activities improves your standing with those in command.

### COMMISSION ORDER

CFI-114.84

(Under authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended)

### Sturgeon Size Limit

The Natural Resources Commission, at its meeting on October 7, 1983, under authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, ordered that no sturgeon may be taken or possessed from the waters of this state of a length less than 50 inches for a period of five years beginning January 1, 1984, through March 31, 1989.

Jacob A. Hoefer, Chairperson  
Natural Resources Commission

John M. Robertson  
Executive Assistant

Countersigned:  
Ronald O. Skoog, Director  
Department of Natural Resources

### COMMISSION ORDER

CFI-113.84

(Under authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended)

### REGULATIONS ON Tiger Muskellunge

The Natural Resources Commission, at its meeting on October 7, 1983, under the authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, renewed the order of July 14, 1978, that hybrid muskellunge, commonly known as the "tiger muskellunge", shall be deemed a muskellunge, and it shall be unlawful to take or possess tiger muskellunge except in accordance with laws, rules, and regulations governing muskellunge, for a period of five years effective January 1, 1984, through March 31, 1989.

Jacob A. Hoefer, Chairperson  
Natural Resources Commission

John M. Robertson  
Executive Assistant

Countersigned:  
Ronald O. Skoog, Director  
Department of Natural Resources

### COMMISSION ORDER

CFI-101.85

(Under authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended)

### Special Trout Size Limit

#### Higgins Lake, Crawford & Roscommon Counties

Under the authority of Section 1 of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, being Section 300.1 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Natural Resources Commission, at its meeting on August 10, 1984, meeting, approved the following gear restriction for a period of five years beginning April 1, 1985, through March 31, 1990. This order supersedes subject order of July 11, 1980, CFI-103.80.

Double or treble pointed hooks exceeding 3/8 inch between point and shank and single pointed hooks exceeding 1/2 inch between point and shank may not be used on any stream except St. Mary's, St. Clair, and Detroit rivers before May 15 or after August 31 of each year.

Harry H. Whiteley, Chairman  
Natural Resources Commission

John M. Robertson  
Executive Secretary

Countersigned:  
Ronald O. Skoog, Director

# Business

## Petrosky Family Offers Comfort and Value Through Furniture Store

By Don Geiss

"We furnish the comfort and the rest is up to you." That slogan has been made popular throughout the north country in the television commercials of the Comfort Center stores.

The business in Grayling, one of ten stores in the chain, was the second to be started in the north by the Petrosky family.

It all began when Gene, Vern, and Luke were in the furniture business in Detroit in 1974. Gene and Vern were working for Star Furniture Company while Luke, who had worked for that company for 10 years, was then with Sears Roebuck and Company.

On one particular weekend that year, Gene and Vern met each other accidentally at the family home in Lake Leelanau. They talked about getting involved in their own business, which naturally enough turned out to be the furniture business.

Gene at that time was a store manager and knew all of the ins and outs of financing and had all of the wholesale contacts. The men agreed that Vern would be set up in the business in Traverse City while Gene remained in Detroit. They started with a little store of about 900 square feet.

Luke was recovering from surgery about that time and offered to help Gene build an enlargement on the store. The men while working to-

gether decided that if one store was having a hard time perhaps two stores would have an easier time. Luke had a little capital to invest and the hunt for a second store began.

They wanted something that was near enough to be under the umbrella of Traverse City T.V. stations and perhaps a location that was about one hour's drive from that city. They looked all over until one day they stopped in Grayling during a hard snow storm. They stopped in a local restaurant and met some acquaintances who told them about space available in the local mall.

They looked over the store after the owner came from home in the storm to show it. Thus it was that the second store of the chain began in Grayling. Two years after opening, the men looked for a piece of land nearby where they could build their own structure. In 1977 they purchased the land where the store is now located and in 1980 when their lease was up in the Mall they moved to West M-72.

The advertising pattern was set after the Mall store opened for television and somewhat in the local papers and radio with brother Gene as a partner in the stores and doing all of the advertising. Luke was reminded of those early days and the advertising because some of the potential customers were a little confused about their

product and some rest areas along the expressway. At that point Gene emphasized in the ads that "there were many rest areas in northern Michigan but only a few Comfort Centers."

At first the stores specialized in bedding but when the demand for furniture increased the men added to that line. When the other furniture stores in Grayling closed down, Luke added additional lines.

Early in the waterbed era, the stores began to stock that type of furniture. Luke went to waterbed shows and seminars as far away as Las Vegas and Chicago. He said that it was a big item. "It was a whole new way of sleeping and I'm grateful that for the slower years of 81-82 and 83 that we made a move," he commented.

"Those items, to coin a phrase, kept us afloat for a few years," he stated.

He said that the waterbed business has also changed because the conventional bed manufacturers have been selling "hybrids". He explained that these are soft sided beds that are a conventional size and take regular size sheets. The regular waterbeds take special sheets, have a wood framework, bladder and heater. No one factory makes every part of a regular waterbed. The advantage to them is that they are much less expensive.

"The biggest sales mistake I ever made," Luke said, "was to sell a davenport to a guy on credit who had a motor home running out in front of the store."

In one store, Luke said, they were filling a waterbed

near the time when the store was supposed to close. The manager was the last one to leave and he did not turn the water off. He noted that the next morning after the bed exploded there was two inches of water all over the floor.

Luke explained that the Comfort Center has delivered furniture all over downtown as well as the local area. He said, "we have always been convinced that we can sell furniture at a lower cost than they can down below." "As a result we have been selling to many folks who come up here and find that indeed they can buy cheaper here," he said.

The original log for the Comfort Center had a nude lady sleeping on a mattress. Luke said that his father Frank, who is 86 and called chairman of the board by the brothers, told them that this would never do and made them put a nightgown on the lady. He noted that his dad and mother, Betty, who is 73, are still very active in Lake Leelanau. Luke, who is an enthusiastic outdoorsman, admits to receiving his interest from his dad. He said that there was a television program at one time that featured Frank as the blue-gill king of the north.

After returning to the subject of the store, Luke said that there are four full time employees and Pauline, his spouse, keeps the books. One of the employees is an expert on installation of antennae dishes and descramblers, Luke commented, as he observed that the antennae are one of the latest lines of equipment that they have added.

The number of lines of furniture changes constantly, Luke said, but averages about 12 to 15. As far as bedding, he commented, we have Serta, some King Coil and one of their own brands. "I sometimes think we put Serta on the map with our television commercials," he observed.

Yes, the Comfort Center continues to "furnish the comfort and the rest is up to you" and as the time goes by they seem to add more comfort and more comfort in all types of furniture lines until there is no doubt that the rest areas are on the expressway and the Comfort Centers are outstanding furniture stores scattered around northern Michigan.

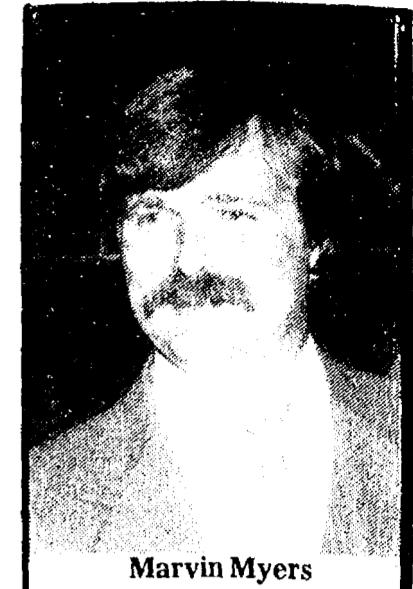
## New Survey Company Plans Open House

Myers Land Survey Company, of Higgins Lake, has opened a branch office in Grayling located in the lower level of the Cornell Building headed by Marvin E. Myers.

Myers, a Licensed Land Surveyor, is a graduate of Ferris State College with a Bachelor Science Degree in Land Surveying and an Associates Degree in Civil Engineering Technology. Marvin's interest in land surveying began in 1970 as a student at Kirtland Community College. He was enrolled in the Natural Resources Tech-

nology Program which included some basic surveying courses. Since 1970, Marvin has been either a student or working in the field of surveying and has accumulated 18 years of education and experience.

September 10, 1987, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Myers Land Survey Company will have an Open House for everyone interested in meeting Myers and his staff. A display of survey equipment will be set up and coffee with some snacks will be provided.



Marvin Myers

### Golf Coupon

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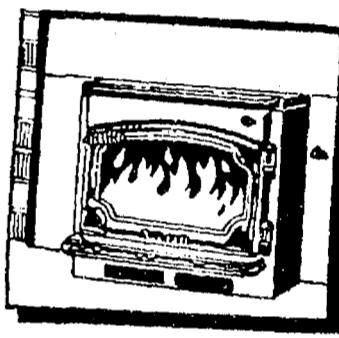
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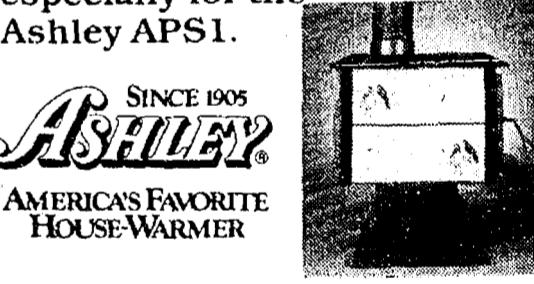
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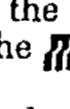
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